

teenth century. Society members Mary Reed, Judy Corrie, Leroy Wilson, Moira Fenwick, Jim Bade, Ruth Smith, Dave Kaiser and Narcissa Engle worked on the event.

### Museum exhibits

The nine-panel Cedarville Civil War exhibit continued to be on view at the Cedarville Museum except for four weeks this summer when it was part of the Civil War display at the museum of the Stephenson County Historical Society in Freeport.

Two additional exhibits were created to fill the void left by the temporary absence of the Civil War panels.

The first, created by Harlan Corrie and Jim Bade, had three parts. One featured 1927-28 snapshots taken by Merton M. Memler when he was the engineer in charge of building the Highway 26 bridge that spanned Cedar Creek north of Cedarville. His photographs depicted the construction of the bridge which replaced the one that crossed the creek further downstream. Memler was married to Dorothy Frank, daughter of Sam Frank of Cedarville.

The second and third parts contained century-old photographs of Cedarville's Henny Buggy Company and yesterday and today photographs of Cedarville street intersections.

The second new exhibit stemmed from real estate documents loaned to the Society by Judy Wise, Cedarville. The documents related the ownership history of the 40 acre parcel

of land east of Cedarville on the southeast corner of Henderson and Elm roads. The exhibit is still on display at the museum.

### New acquisitions

Several persons in 2003 gave the Society documents or photographs or loaned them for the purpose of scanning them for storage in the Society's archives. The donors included:

Paul Fink, California: postcards depicting village scenes dating back to the nineteenth century.

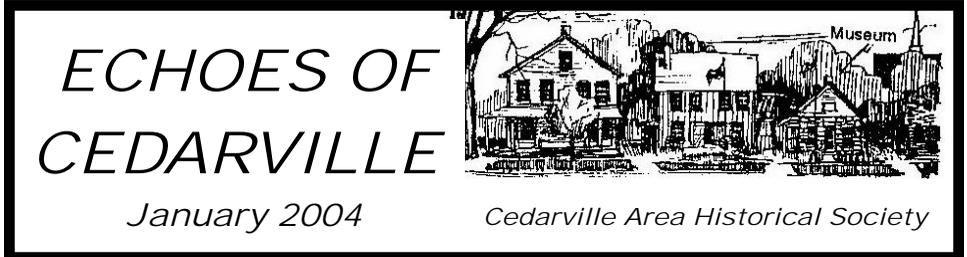
Judy Wise, Cedarville: real estate documents from the nineteenth and twentieth century and a genealogy of the Gerber family.

Paul and Ramona Kryder, Freeport: photographs of the Kryder family and a genealogy of the Frank family.

Neal and Julie Scheider, Cedarville: photographs of the Frank family.

David and Carmel Huber, Cedarville: several nineteenth and twentieth century Cedarville documents and books.

Steve and Judy Zipse Redfean, Cedarville: 1950s documents and photographs of classes at Cedarville School.



## *Historical Society to Launch Campaign to Raise \$27,000*

The Cedarville Area Historical Society on February 1 will launch a \$27,000 drive to raise funds to construct first floor bathrooms in the 1889 Cedarville School.

The handicapped-accessible facilities were designed by Christopher Fye & Associates, Freeport, and are part of an overall plan to complete restoration of the building for use as a local museum and location for other activities of the historical society. The general contractor is Faulkner Construction Co., Freeport, the firm that submitted the lowest of three bids.

The formal kickoff of the campaign will be in conjunction with the Society's annual meeting at 11 a.m. Sunday, February 1, in Cedarville's Community Center. The annual meeting will coincide with the organization's annual chili/soup/sandwich lunch, also in the Community Center.

Even before the formal beginning of the campaign, a total of \$6,400 has been contributed. The early contributors are Marilyn and Alan Youel, Ruth and Duane Smith, Moira and Tom Fenwick, Dick and Narcissa Engle, Rosabelle and Ray Cronau, Judy and Harlan Corrie, Gina and Jim Cole, Bonnie and Jim Bade, Gene and Mary

### *Society Board Members*

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Reed and John, Debi and Jeremy Monigold, Carmel and David Huber, Charlotte and Dave Kaiser and Paul Fry.

The plan to install the bathrooms is the latest in a series of projects by the Society to make the old school building useable. In June of 2003, the Society contracted with Christopher Fye & Associates for planning and design help. The \$4,750 cost for this help --- which covered work on the grounds and the first floor --- was paid by the Society and several board members and other individuals.

In December of 2003 a septic system was installed by Northwest Concrete Inc., Lena, at a cost of \$6,200. This cost was paid by the Society. Two years ago 33 new windows were installed in the building at a cost of approximately \$23,000. This money was donated by members and friends of the Society.

The new septic system was put in because the old one was too close to the village well, according to Historical Society President Narcissa Engle. The new system meets all governmental and health requirements. The Society had to resort to a septic system because the estimated cost of attaching to the village sewer system exceeded \$100,000 because of a long run of sewer pipe and the need for a lift station and manholes.

“We expect the bathrooms will be adequate to meet the anticipated needs of the building, but the facilities will not be ‘gold plated’, said Engle.

Once the bathrooms are in and functioning in conjunction with the septic and water systems, the Society will turn its attention to a heating and cooling plant for the first floor and additional electrical outlets and lighting on the first floor. The cost of the heating-cooling equipment has been estimated at \$5,500 to \$6,000. No estimate has been obtained for the electrical work, but the requirements are relatively simple, according to Engle.

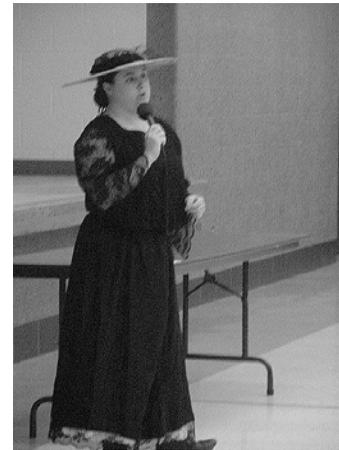
“The Society is proud of its accomplishments in 2003 and we look

### ***February 1 Meetings***

***The 11 a.m. annual meeting of the historical society will be in a Community Center classroom and will include election of directors, adoption of new bylaws and information on school renovation plans.***

***Society members will receive in the mail a formal notice of the meeting, a copy of the proposed bylaws and a list of board candidates.***

***The chili/soup/sandwich lunch will be in the gym from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and are available from board members or at the lunch.***



***Suzy Beggin describes life of Jane Addams in Cedarville.***



***Durand School students — with notebooks in hand — visited Cedarville Cemetery to learn more about the history of the Addams family.***

### **Society hires architect**

In June the Society signed a contract with Freeport’s Christopher Fye and Associates, architects and planners. Under terms of the contract, the firm was asked to help plan the continued restoration of the 1889 Cedarville School building so that it could be used as a local museum and location for other Society activities. The firm’s proposals were delivered in September.

The first project recommended by Fye, the installation of a septic system, was started in December and was completed in a week by Mike Tully, Northwest Concrete Inc., Lena. Bids were taken on the second project, the construction of first floor, handicapped-accessible bathrooms, and the contract was awarded to Faulkner Construction, Freeport, as the general contractor.

Work on the bathrooms is waiting funding.

### **Durand School visits Cedarville**

For the second year more than 70 students of nearby Durand School visited Cedarville in September to learn more about Jane Addams and her relationship to the village. The visit, arranged by Society President Narcissa Engle, included stops at the Community Building (the former Jane Addams School), the museum, the Jane Addams homestead, the cemetery and the 1889 school building, where the children enjoyed a box lunch.

During the first part of the visit, Suzy Beggin, director of the Stephenson County Historical Society, portrayed Jane Addams and described life in the village during the late nine-

1858-59 college classroom notes of the original owner of the book, a young man from Memphis, Tn. The book has been scanned, the images enhanced and the result put on a CD so a facsimile can be printed. Funds from Rose and Ray Cronau, Cedarville, paid for this procedure.

The two Carl diaries have also been transcribed and edited in typed form by Jim Bade, Society board member, and they will be integrated and printed in a single volume with the diary of Thomas Jefferson Moses, another Cedarville resident who served with Carl in Company G, 93<sup>rd</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment. The Moses diary was transcribed by Thomas Gaard of Iowa, a descendant of Moses, who has given the Society permission to make use of the diary.

In the addition to the book with the Carl diaries, Mike Carroll donated to the Society a small table belonging to Daniel Kryder, Susannah's father, which reportedly was brought by Daniel to Stephenson County in the 1840s. The table, heavily painted by later generations, is waiting restoration.

#### **Society sponsors two village events**

On Sunday, February 2, the Cedarville Area Historical Society held its annual Chili/Soup Lunch in the Community Center. The 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. event drew more than 100 persons. The refreshments were provided and served by Society board members and Society member volunteers. The

2004 lunch will be on Sunday, February 1.

More than 300 Stephenson County residents and visitors attended the Memorial Day parade, services and picnic hosted by the Society. After ceremonies at the Cedar Creek Bridge and in the Cedarville Cemetery, participants enjoyed a picnic at the 1889 Cedarville School.

Rev. Ilsup Ahn, Methodist Church, officiated at the services. Members of the Society and other volunteers hosted the picnic. Cedarville's American Legion Post 1224, lead by Leroy Wilson, provided the color guard. Amanda Angle provided music at the cemetery services.

#### **Historical research of newspapers**

Through a financial gift from Rose and Ray Cronau, the Society launched a long-term project to photocopy Cedarville-related articles and advertisements that appeared in nineteenth and twentieth century Freeport newspapers. The project is headed by Ladona Wardlow, Society member. Starting with newspapers dated in 1860, Mrs. Wardlow photocopied examples through the middle of that decade. Before continuing the search, the Society is seeking a volunteer to transcribe those that have already been collected. The material will be arranged chronologically and placed on CDs that can be read on a computer screen or printed.



## ***Septic Tank Installation***



# *Cedarville Historical Society Lists Major Accomplishments in 2003*

In February the Cedarville Area Historical Society published 400 copies of a new edition of the biography of Cedarville's Mary Fry, friend of Jane Addams and companion for many years to the second Mrs. John Addams.

Written by Paul Fry, nephew of Mary, the first edition of 150 copies came out in 1991 and is now unavailable. The new edition can be purchased from the Society for \$22.50 with all proceeds after publication costs going to the Society. The author has declined any royalties.

The soft cover, 8 inch by 11 inch book --- titled "Generous Spirit: The Life of Mary Fry" -- contains 160 pages of text and pictures.

The book discusses in detail the inter-relationship of members of the Fry, Addams, Hostetter and Haldeman families and it contains anecdotes about characters in Cedarville history.

Mary Fry, who never married, was born in Cedarville in 1877 and died in 1952 at the age of 75. She is buried in the Cedarville Cemetery. She went to live with the Addams family when she was 11, following the death of her mother.

## Volunteers staff museum

Thirteen Stephenson County

residents served as hosts and hostesses during the six month May through October Cedarville Museum season.

Staffing the Cherry Street facility from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each weekend were: Judy and Harlan Corrie, Sylvia Crouse, Bonnie and Jim Bade, Carol Meyers, Lorraine Stabenow and Jo and Lloyd Moring, all of Cedarville; Ramona and Paul Kryder and Hulone Scheider of Freeport, and Jean Joyce of Lena. Each volunteer worked a total of 12 hours during the season.

Narcissa Engle, president of the Cedarville Area Historical Society, thanked each volunteer for his or her service and noted that not one assignment was missed.

## Staff transcribes Civil War diaries

A year ago the Cedarville Area Historical Society received the Civil War diary of Henry Carl, Buckeye Township resident and husband of the former Susannah Kryder. Carl was mortally wounded in the October 1864 battle at Allatoona Pass, Ga. The gift came from Mike Carroll, great grandson of Henry and Susannah.

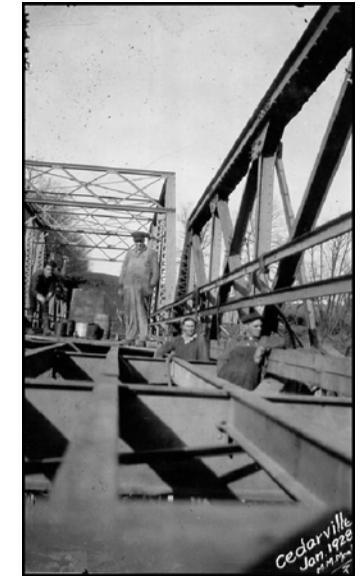
Careful examination of the well-worn book revealed that it actually contained Carl's diary of 1863, his widow's diary of early 1882 and the



*Ray and Rose Cronau and Ladona Wardlow study newspaper articles that are to be*



*Narcissa Engle and Chris Fye discuss 1889 school restoration plans*



*Memler 1928 bridge photo*



*300 attended the Memorial Day parade (above) and picnic held on the 1889 Cedarville school grounds (left).*