Society Receives Rare Documents

The Cedarville Area Historical Society has received two rare artifacts from Allen Gillette, Freeport.

The first is an original playbill announcing a three-day “home talent novelty cabaret minstrel show” to be held in February 1925 at Cedarville’s Knights of Honor Temple. All the performers are listed. (See photo above.)

The second is an autographed copy of “Once Upon a Time”, a book of children’s fairy tales published in 1916 by Anna Marcet Haldeman. The author was the niece of Jane Addams.

The stories are set in Cedarville and the book is dedicated to Anna Hostetter Haldeman Addams, step-grandmother of the author and second wife of John Addams.
Margaret Strobel, director of the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum in Chicago, brought a dozen museum docents to Cedarville on May 24. The group viewed the Cedarville Museum’s Jane Addams collection and then visited the Addams family burial site in the Cedarville Cemetery. The visit was arranged by Narcissa Engle, historical society vice president.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kryder, Freeport
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schwartz, Cedarville
Ms. Elizabeth Raymond, Chicago, in honor of Cedarville’s Dickson family
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gaard, Clive, Ia.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vogel, McGregor, Ia.
Banner Construction Co., Freeport
Cedarville Lions Club
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rychly, Cedarville
Mr. and Mrs. William Pick, Cedarville
Mr. Thomas Wilcoxon Dickson, Santa Barbara, Ca., in memory of Howard Thomas Wilcoxon of Freeport
Mr. and Mrs. William Emo, Cedarville
Suzy Beggin, Stockton, I1.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Apfelbach, Fish Creek, Wi.
Louise W. Knight, Evanston, I1.
Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Kryder, Lena; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alley, Wichita, Ks.; Mr. and Mrs. Don Neuschwander, Loxley, Al.; Mr. John Kryder, Telford, Pa., in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kryder
Wendy Jo Schmidt, Blanchardville, Wi.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Galt, Evanston, I1., in memory of the Rev. John Luther Dickson, minister, Cedarville Methodist Church, 1921 – 1922
Jari Franklin, Chicago
Carol Hutchison, Madison, Wi.

The members of the Cedarville Area Historical Society deeply mourn the death of Mr. Thomas Ennenga, one of our most faithful supporters.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fenwick, Cedarville
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole, Cedarville
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cronau, Cedarville
Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Corrie, Cedarville
Mr. and Mrs. Duane Smith, Freeport
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bade, Cedarville, in honor of Cedarville’s Clingman and Dickson families
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Engle, Cedarville
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reed, Cedarville
Mr. John Reed, Cedarville
Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Monigold, Cedarville
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Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kaiser, Cedarville
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Mrs. Judy Barkau Nortridge, Freeport
Mr. Tom Emmenga, Cedarville
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Martin, Freeport
Mr. Matthew Marvin, Freeport
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Goodspeed, Cedarville
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rosmann, Cedarville
Mr. and Mrs. William Angle Jr., Dakota
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Lorraine Stabenow, Cedarville
Mark Smith, Bettendorf, Ia.
Mary Lynn Bryan, Duke University, N.C.
Jim and Barbara Barkau, Cedarville
Mr. and Mrs. Duane Scheider, Cedarville
Dale Kaiser and Doris Cordes in honor of their father Clyde Kaiser and in memory of their mother Katharine
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dixon, Cedarville
Annette Yonke, president, Jane Addamsland, Park Foundation, and Gerald Estes, Orangeville
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wilson, Cedarville
Marie Kahly, Lena, in memory of her parents, Burleigh and Emma Kahly
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Cedarville Class Books, Family WW II Letters Now in Archives

The Cedarville Area Historical Society has two new additions to its archives thanks to Steve and Judy Redfearn and Dawn Nelson Scott.

The Redfearns gave the society original copies of the 1954 and 1955 yearbooks of Cedarville School. Previously the couple had loaned the society the 1954 book for scanning purposes. Mrs. Redfearn was a member of the classes.

Mrs. Scott, a Kryder family descendant, permitted the society to scan copies of letters written to her by her male cousins who served in the U.S. military during World War II and several years later. Photos of the men at that time were also scanned.
Historical Society Holds Successful Rummage Sale

The Cedarville Area Historical Society on June 12 staged a very successful rummage sale in the 1889 school.

Several thousand items were donated to the society by Cedarville residents so that all of the proceeds could be used for the installation of handicapped accessible bathrooms on the first floor of the building.

The sale was organized by Carmel and David Huber of Mill Street, Cedarville. David is a board member of the historical society.

Another sale will be held July 24

(Top from left) Bonnie Bade, Steve Redfearn, Judy Redfearn and Mary Reed discuss the society’s school renovation plans.

(Middle from left) Mary Reed, Steve Redfearn and Bonnie Bade watch as Jane Goodspeed checks the latest sales figures.

(Bottom) Two of the day’s many bargain hunters check over the merchandise.

Above are David Huber and his son, Tyler, and Carmel, David’s wife. The Hubers were assisted in setting up the sale by Jeremy Monigold, a society board member.

Looking for a real bargain (left) are Sylvia Crouse and Mary Reed. Sylvia is a volunteer host on several weekends at the Cedarville Area Historical Society museum. Mary has for many years been a member of the board of the historical society. On this day, she also helped conduct the rummage sale.