Major Addams Collection Now in Cedarville

More than a hundred pieces of the Jane Addams family history have found their way back to Cedarville, the place of her 1860 birth.

The artifacts, including furniture, photographs and personal belongings associated with many members of the immediate and extended family of John and Sarah Addams, Jane’s parents, have been placed on indefinite loan in the Cedarville Museum.

The items, including the bed in which it is said Miss Addams was born, are part of a larger collection of Addams artifacts owned by the great-great granddaughter of Sarah Alice Addams Haldeman, sister of Jane Addams. Sarah was the wife of Henry Winfield Haldeman, son of John Addams second wife, the former Anna Hostetter Haldeman.

The people associated with the artifacts besides Sarah Alice, Henry and his mother are John and Sarah Weber Addams, William Haldeman, George Bowman Haldeman, and Anna Marcet Haldeman-Julius and her husband Emmanuel.

Because of the large number of pieces now in the Cedarville Museum, it is expected they will not be ready as a formal exhibit until the opening of the museum in May 2018.

However, they will be available for study during the March and April evening classes sponsored by the historical society and Highland Community College.

(See pages 4, 5, and 7 for class details.)
Left: Desk of Anna Haldeman Adams, second wife of John Adams. Below: Anna at the desk with calendar indicating November 1907. Desk purchased in 1885 or 1886 in Baltimore.

English walnut drop leaf table used originally at Cedarville homestead.

Left: Chess set owned by Henry Winfield Haldeman, son of John Adams second wife. Right: Marble top dresser believed to be from Cedarville homestead.


Left: Doll presented to Anna Marcet Haldeman at her birth on June 18, 1887. Anna Marcet’s mother was Sarah Alice Haldeman, sister of Jane Addams. The girl’s father was Henry Winfield Haldeman, step brother of her mother.

Caned arm chair from the Cedarville homestead.

Left: Oil portrait of John Addams from a photograph. Right: Sarah Alice Haldeman sketch of Addams family dog. He was known as “Pongo”, according to one source but as “Spike” in a fairy tale written in 1916 by Anna Marcet Haldeman, Jane Addams niece.
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Student’s Signature

Date
Society Museum Christmas Party December 12

The Cedarville Area Historical Society will hold its FREE annual Christmas Sing Along party at the Cedarville Museum on Tuesday, December 12 starting with a social gathering at 6 p.m.

The hour long social is a chance for visitors to sample refreshments provided by the historical society members and Cedarville's Famous Fossil Winery. The sing along, featuring Carole Bertram at the keyboard, will follow the refreshments. Yes, Santa is expected.

To close the evening, a free bingo game with a seasonal touch and small appropriate prizes will follow the sing along. The game will be conducted by Wendy Gilpin, society member.

Like last year, the event will be held in the museum's second floor Lefton Wilson Theater. For handicapped visitors, the room can be reached by using the museum's one button elevator.

For more information call 815-563-4485.

Four Classes on Addams Artifacts Scheduled

This spring the Cedarville Area Historical Society will partner with Highland Community College in an in-depth look at the large number of Addams family artifacts that are scheduled to be exhibited for the first time at the Cedarville Museum.

The March and April programs will be held in the museum on four Tuesday evenings. Enrollment will be limited to thirty persons.

The sessions of one hour each will be taught by Andy Dvorak, history instructor at the college, and Jim Bade, president of the historical society. Both will participate in all sessions.

The programs will be at 7:30 p.m. on March 13 and 27 and April 10 and 24.

Attendees will receive printed information relative to the first session's subject 10 days before the first class. Printed information about the other sessions will be distributed at the end of the preceding class if needed.

The cost to enroll is $40 plus $10 for the printed material, a total of $50. An enrollment form is on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter. If you want to enroll in the classes, complete the form, fill out a $50 check to Highland Community College and mail both to the Cedarville Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 336, Cedarville, IL 61013.

The classes are open to historical society members and the general public at the same cost.

The classes will be in the museum's second floor meeting room. A single button elevator is available for those who are physically handicapped.

Free refreshments will be served after each class.

The thrust of the classes will be for students to learn about individual artifacts including the relationships to specific members of the family and any stories associated with the artifact. Students will have the opportunity to examine all discussed artifacts.

Although many of the artifact are related specifically to Jane Addams, there are items that are associated with eight other members of the extended family.

Special Announcement: The annual historical society chili-soup-sandwich-dessert lunch will be February 4 at the museum.
Winslow Man Donates 7 Books to Library

It was only a coincidence, but a happy one.

In the same week that the Cedarville Museum was the recipient of a large number of Addams family artifacts from a family member, a smaller gift in the form of Addams books was received from a Winslow resident.

The seven publications from Jim Stadermann included four that were new to the museum’s library collection.

The new books are:

Jane Addams: Social Worker by Mary Kittredge, published in 1988 as part of a series on American Women of Achievement.


Newer Ideals of Peace, a 1906 book by Miss Addams.

At the present time, the museum’s library has almost two dozen books that are either biographies of the Cedarville native or deal with a major aspect of her life.

Miss Addams herself was a prolific author with an interest in a wide range of subjects. The library has a dozen books that she wrote dealing with various social problems.

The museum’s second floor library is available to historical society members and the general public whenever the building is open or by appointment.

Besides information on the Addams family and Cedarville, there are publications on the state of Illinois. Books cannot be taken from the library.