

Lincoln Newsletter

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Meet Our New Exhibit

This collection includes:



Archive boxes and bound copies of Beardstown Newspapers

The Beardstown Newspaper Room is a new addition to the Old Lincoln Courtroom Museum made possible by the generosity of the Beardstown Newspapers, Inc.

When approaching the OLCM about donating these newspapers, Brian DeLoche noted the newspapers are an important part of Beardstown's history, and placing them in the Museum would make them more available. People will have easier access than a room in the back of the Star building.

Since their arrival, the older copies, which were wrapped in paper, have been inventoried and moved to acid free archival boxes and labeled for easier access.

Many of the older newspapers are in fragile condition and must be handled with care. Thin, white cloth gloves are provided for people who wish to handle these newspapers.

Many Beardstown citizens today do not realize how many newspapers have existed in Beardstown in the past, and, while this collection is not complete, it gives us an idea of the different publications that did exist throughout Beardstown's history.

The Central Illinoian

- July 1866 – September 1868
- October 1868 – February 1870
- February 1870 – September 14, 1887
- September 28, 1871 – September 1873
- November 27, 1883 – September 16, 1875
- October 1875 – October 1877
- November 1877 – October 1879
- November 1879 – February 1881
- October 1881

The Star of the West

- February 1892 – December 1892
- February 1895 – February 1896

The Evening Star

- November 4, 1892 – March 4, 1893
- March 4, 1892 – March 4, 1893
- March 11, 1893 – June 29, 1893
- July 5, 1893 – November 6, 1893
- November 7, 1893 – February 14, 1894
- March 9, 1894 – May 9, 1894
- May 14, 1894 – August 30, 1894
- September 1, 1896 – October 8, 1896
- July 6, 1894 – September 3, 1895

The Beardstown Enterprise

- February 1, 1896 – October 27, 1888
- January 5, 1889 – December 22, 1889
- January 18, 1890 – December 27, 1890
- January 9, 1892 – December 31, 1892
- January 28, 1893 – April 22, 1893
- January 6, 1894 – December 28, 1884
- January 5, 1895 – December 28, 1895
- November 7, 1896 – December 29, 1896
- January 1900 – December 29, 1900
- October 1912 – September 1913

The Morning Enterprise

- January – December 1909

The Illinoian-Star

Museum Rededicated Issue

- May 7, 1965
- Lincoln Room Restored
- Duff Armstrong Trial Articles

The Beardstown Illinoian

- April 24, 1885 – December 25, 1885
- January 8, 1886 – October 6, 1886
- October 29, 1886 – October 14, 1887
- October 1887 – October 1888
- October 1890 – October 1891

(Beardstown Newspaper Room, continued)

October 1891 – October 1892
November 1877 – October 1879
November 1879 – February 1881

The Illinoian-Star

1900- 1913 (random)
Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, 1906
July 23, 1929 – Centennial Edition

In addition to these older newspapers, the bound copies of the *Illinoian-Star* from 1922 through 1999 are also on the shelves inviting visitors to see what was important in these years.

The bound copies of the issues from 2000 through the current period are still available at the *Illinoian Star* office.

Visitors are encouraged to treat the newspapers with extreme care. Obviously, no cutting or tearing out of articles is permitted. Photos are permitted.

Viewing the accounts of the BHS Graduation and Alumni Gathering of 1896 tells us not only of the importance of both events but how different they are from the same events of today.

from *The Beardstown Enterprise*, June 2, 1896

CLASS OF '96

Twenty-three Boys and Girls Complete Their Education in the High School

The twenty-first annual commencement exercises of the Beardstown High School were held at the Grand Opera House last evening. The house was crowded to overflowing and many were unable to find standing room. The stage was beautifully decorated with evergreens and set with tropical plants making a most pleasing picture to look upon. The graduating class, twenty three in number were seated upon the stage together with the Board of Education. The exercises of the evening commenced promptly at 8 o'clock and the following program was rendered:

- InovationRev. M. G. Coleman
- Grand March Harp, Miss Jennie Rink
Violins, Miss Clara Rink, Master Ed Schultz
- Salutatory – OrationOur Nation's Perpetuity
Robert J. Folonie.
- Oration . Character Architecture . Charles F. Prince
- Oration "They Say"Oliva J. Schultz
- EssayStories in MusicPaulina M. Koester
- OrationTalent and GeniusWalter C. Bley
- Oration . .The Mission of America . .Nellie McLane
- OrationHome SurroundingsAlma Keil
- EssayA Modern HeroRebecca J. Johnson
- Vocal SoloMr. L. F. Hitte

- Oration PluckRoy H. Garm
- Oration Joan of Arc Mae E. Knight
- Class HistoryNellie Baujan
- Oration . Our Opposite Neighbor. Harry C. Huppers
- Oration Self Reliance Mollie Meyer
- Oration The Key That Fits Every Lock
- Oration A Good Cause Makes A Stout Heart
Anna Louise Eckerson.

- Vocal DuetMisses Hendricker
- OrationThe World Is Full of Rubs
Arthur H. Flickwir.

- Essay . . .The Educational Bicycle . . . Amy Weaver
- Oration . . .Greatly Instructed I Henceforth Depart
Ida H. Ortwein.

- Oration The Tide of Truth Flows Surely on
Beneath Floyd Condit.

- Oration . . School Girl's Message . . Anna V. Smith
- Oration There Is No Virtue Like Necessity
Effie Stanton.

- Oration . . .The Heel of Achilles . . . Grace L. Jones
- Valedictory and Oration Dux femica facti
Lillie Mohlman.

- Presentation of Diplomas
- Vocal QuartetMisses Huppers and Hines
Messrs William & Bradman
- BenedictionRev. J. C. Meyer

Perhaps there has never been another commencement held in this city that elicited the interest or called out the attendance this one did. There could be no other attraction that would bring out so many of our citizens or hold their undivided attention as did this commencement exercise of the class of '96. The hall was literally packed and numbers of people returned to their homes, simply because not even standing room could be found. The ENTERPRISE would be much pleased to reproduce exercises in full, but there were so many selections, that we are unable to do so, owing to lack of time and space. Suffice it, therefore, to say that each and every member of the class acquitted herself or himself with great credit and altogether in such a manner as to reflect honor upon the public school from which they graduate and upon the teachers who have aided them in acquiring the attainments of which the diplomas issued to them by the Board of Education bear evidence.

It is eminently fitting that such demonstrations as these should be held as it is in this way that the deep interest and enthusiasm in educational work may be fostered and sustained. It is but just that the parents of our young people should take great pride in these annual commencements.

From *The Beardstown Enterprise*, June 4, 1896

Alumni Banquet

The banquet and literary exercises of the Alumni of the Beardstown High School in the parlors of the Park Hotel, Tuesday evening, was largely attended.

Few educational meetings in Cass county bring together so much handsome, gallant and vigorous young manhood, and intelligent, bright and beautiful young womanhood, as is assembled in this city on these occasions.

We notice that various members of graduating classes that have come out from our high school, covering the period of time from '81 to '95, are represented on the program, and doubtless there were present persons who are representatives of yet earlier classes. It is but just to say that one who has seen this assemblage of young, and some of them now middle aged people, in one of these annual meetings, can not fail to feel a greater pride in our free public school system generally, and a deeper admiration for our home educational institutions in particular.

So long as refinement and culture, fellowship, friendship and brotherhood are objects of interest and value among our people, such meetings as the one held in the Park House on Tuesday evening, will rightfully and right firmly win and hold the attention and commendation of our people. The following is the program of literary exercises. It speaks for itself.

Instrumental duet Mrs. J. Edward Garm, '89

Miss Mayme Cook, '91

Roll call Miss Frances Weaver, Sec., '89

Address A. W. Whiteford, Pres., '90

Voal solo Miss Tillie Hendricker, '90

Introduction of class of '96 Supt. Geo. W. Powell

Address of welcome Chas. Angier, '94

Response from class of '96 Robt. J. Folonie

Mandolin and piano duet Miss Mayme Cook, '91

Miss Loretta Cook, '96

“Impressions of a Beardstownian Abroad”

- Dr. R. T. Ehrhardt, '82

“Fads,” Miss Florence Dowler, '92

Instrumental solo Miss Bernice Spring, '95

What Shall Be the Aim of Education?

- Ex-Supt. M. M. Moore

Vocal Quartette Miss Martha Sielschott, '85

Miss Clara Mitchell, '92

Miss Ada Harris, '88

Miss Lulu Weber, '95

Toast Master Rev. P. P. Carson, '86

Toast - “Quality and Quantity,”

- Mrs. McMahan, '89

Toast - “X Rays,” J. F. Whiteford, '92

Toast - “Reveries of a Bachelor Maid, “

- Miss Margaret Bartlett, '94

Toast - “The Twentieth Century Alumnus,”

- Hon. George Rearicik, '79

There were about seventy-six Alumni present, al-so members of the Board of Education and their wives. The weather was inclement. For this reason the beginning of the exercise was delayed until a late hour. There were expressions of relief there-fore when President Whiteford called the meeting to order and announced that the order of exercises as appearing in the printed program would be followed as closely as possible.

The exercises of the program were therefore begun and rendered as indicated, except as follows: Supt. Powell being ill and in Alton, Ill., the exercise assigned to him of introducing the class of '96 and the address welcoming its members to the associ-ation was pronounced by Chas. Angier, ('94). It was responded to by Robt. Folonie of the class of '96 in a pleasing and fitting manner.

The paper sent in my Ex-Supt. Moore was read by Miss E. J. Saunders.

At the conclusion of the literary program the Alumni present headed by Miss Saunders and the President, followed by the Board and then the class of 1896, marched to the banquet hall where a rich feast awaited their disposal. Grace being asked by the President, the work for the evening began in earnest, that is the work of disposing of the viands and surely they did disappear as the hour and minute hand pointed, mutually and simultaneously, toward twelve.

The bad roads coupled with rain deterred the toast master, Rev. P. P. Carson, from making his appearance. The President ably filled that important office.

At the request of the President, the members standing around the festive board, lifted high their glasses and drank the crystal drops to the speedy and safe recover of their sick Superintendent, who was so greatly missed in the close and “grand finale” of the school year.

In the business meeting following it was voted that the secretary be instructed to draft resolutions of sympathy and hope and forward same to Prof. Powell and family.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: J. E. Garm, president; Miss Lena Rausch, vice-president; Miss Hattie Fischer, secretary and treasurer.

No other business before the meeting, adjournment was gladly welcomed and “early” they all went home.

- Randy Reichert

On the “Urban Frontier”

In the early 1800’s, towns founded on the banks of the Ohio, Mississippi, and Illinois Rivers and their tributaries had the unique opportunity to grow and benefit from the steadily increasing river traffic in both goods and people.

Beardstown, located on the Illinois River 88 miles from its mouth at Grafton, was platted September 9, 1829. It contained only one log cabin at the time. The original town consisted of twenty-three blocks, fronting on the river and running three blocks deep (*Illinoian-Star*, Centennial edition, July 23, 1929).

After the American Revolution, the Mississippi River became the western boundary of the new United States, and the original colonies gave up their claims to the new Northwest Territory (below). The population of the young nation was around three million.



In 1787, Congress set up the process for statehood through the Northwest Ordinance. There could be no fewer than three nor more than five new states created from the Northwest Territory.

There were five: Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

The Ordinance also provided for basic freedoms that later became the Bill of Rights, including freedom of speech, religion, the right to assemble, and protection from search and seizure. It also promoted schools and education, fair treatment of native peoples, forbade slavery, and declared navigable rivers “common highways and forever free.”

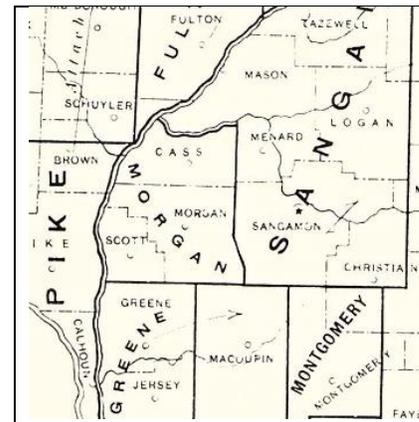
Another provision divided the land into townships six miles square. Each township was subdivided into 36 sections, each one mile square; that is 640 acres. The sixteenth section of each township was set aside for a school so that “knowledge, being necessary to good government” should forever be encouraged. Later, Abraham Lincoln wrote “...that Ordinance was constantly looked to whenever a new territory was to become a state. Congress always traced their course by the Ordinance of 1787.”



Illinois became a territory in 1809. Once a territory reached a population of 60,000, it could apply for admission to statehood with all the rights and responsibilities of the existing states. Following the War of 1812 when land beyond the Illinois River was opened to veterans and to increasing settlers from the eastern states and Europe, there was a major

surge in the population of Illinois. As an encouragement for statehood, the population requirement was dropped to 40,000, and Illinois was allowed to conduct its own census 42,000 were counted (probably including some who were just passing through), and Illinois became the twenty-first state on December 3, 1818.

Beardstown is located in northwestern Cass County (organized on March 3, 1837; prior to that date the area was part of Morgan County). At one time Beardstown was the westernmost outpost in Illinois, the last vestige of civilization; beyond lay the vast military-tract lands set aside by the U. S. Congress for purchase by veterans of the War of 1812.



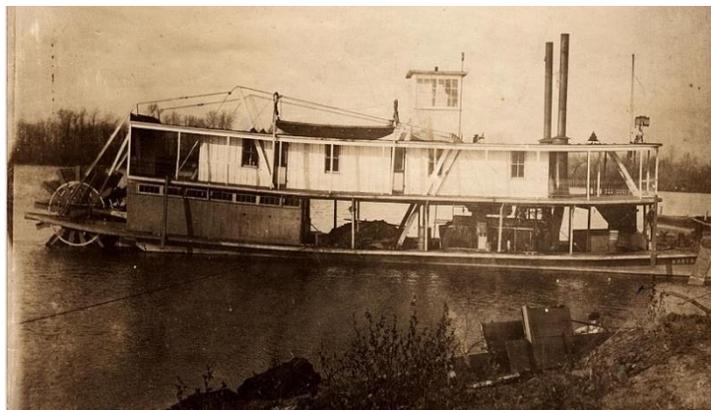
Map of Illinois County Boundaries in 1823

The lure of the fertile land and the opportunity for a new life led early settlers from both the eastern states and European countries to travel

to the region. A typical example, August Krohe, a weaver, came from Saxony in Germany in 1838. He embarked on a seven-week journey across the Atlantic Ocean to the port of New Orleans and from there northward to St. Louis, and a week later to Beardstown.

Krohe purchased two tracts of land filled with timber and wild prairie and built two log cabins in the sparsely settled countryside with its abundance of deer, wild turkey, quail, prairie chicken and fish from the river for provisions. He married another settler from Saxony, Christiana Jockish, who came with her father

to homestead on the new “urban frontier.” They settled in one of the log cabins located near present-day Bluff Springs.



The steamboat “Richard” owned by the Huletts photograph on display in the River Room

The establishment, development, and gradual decline of Beardstown during the period 1818 – 1860 provides a classic example of the growth, prosperity, and decline of a community dependent upon river commerce. The Illinois River provided the lifeblood of the town, and when the great railroad speculation schemes and internal improvement programs of the mid-nineteenth century replaced the waterways as the state’s primary arteries of transportation, the commercial importance of Beardstown dwindled away.

The steamboat, long the principal means of transportation, began to fall behind, and the railroad began to rise. The town appeared to collapse suddenly after 1860.

The Civil War came, and just as in other areas of Illinois and the nation, this great conflict bitterly divided many of the citizens. Discontent was widespread, and Beardstown did not recover from the effects of the war and the depression until late in the century, when the town once again became a thriving commercial community, this time as an extensive railroad center; but the later era was not part of the urban frontier period of the town.

This small river town achieved a definite role in the development of the frontier area of west central Illinois by capitalizing upon commercial advantages which centered on the Illinois River trade. Its “leading citizens” were typically men of little or no political experience but with similar levels of social and economic equality, and, thus, they developed democracy on the frontier and raised expectations for both social and economic benefits. (At one point voting rights required that a man own fifty acres of land.)

The role of towns and cities which grew up along the great river systems became “spearheads of the frontier” and stimulated the economic, social, political, cultural, and educational development of the frontier so that “by 1830 the rise of the cities was one of the dominant facts of Western life.” (Richard C. Wade, *The Urban Frontier*, page 1) - Judy Hager Carlsen

Lawyering with Lincoln

When I was elected in 2002 to the honor of serving as Cass County Circuit Judge, recently retired Judge Fred Reither called and asked that I come have a chat with him. He asked that I promise him to regularly conduct court in the Lincoln Courtroom in Beardstown, as he had done for decades. I agreed, not fully appreciating the importance of his request. Sixteen years later, the import of that that request is now crystal clear to me.

All lawyers who are worth their salt want to be the best they can be. Lawyers work long hours, worry about their clients and strive for a fair result. It is no different today than it was in Lincoln’s day. To practice law and preside over cases in the very courtroom where Abraham Lincoln advocated for his client is truly inspirational. No matter what type of case is presented, small or large, to be involved in the proceeding in the Lincoln Courtroom never ceases to reinforce the respect I have for lawyers in general and Mr. Lincoln in particular.

Last September the Illinois State Bar Association sponsored a legal seminar in the Lincoln Courtroom that was attended by approximately fifty attorneys from throughout Illinois. As co-sponsor, one of my duties was to present opening remarks. I talked briefly about the importance of the courtroom and that it is the only trial courtroom where Lincoln tried cases that is still in operation as a trial courtroom today. I expressed how inspirational it was for all involved in a case to conduct the proceeding in the very courtroom where our greatest President practiced law 160 years ago. I ended with “If you, as practicing attorneys, are not inspired and in awe of being in the very place where Abraham Lincoln practiced law, then there is something wrong with you!” Never have I spoken words more true!

We are lucky to have the Lincoln Courtroom in Cass County and still in operation. It is a shining jewel to be treasured. Cherish it, talk it up with your friends and support it. There is literally no place like it anywhere in the world! - Judge Bob Hardwick

200th Anniversary Beard's Settling

It is the 200th anniversary of Thomas Beard's settling on the site of what is now the City of Beardstown. This was just one year after Illinois became the 21st state of the United States. Although Beard was not the only settler in the area around this time, he was, as J. Henry Shaw says, "the first actual and permanent white settler within the limits of . . . Beardstown."

Since public lands were not offered for sale until November 1823, Beard made the Kickapoo village "his home for some time as a trader among the Indians." According to J. Henry Shaw, Beard and his friends were "merely squatters, dependent upon the Indians for the privilege of erecting their huts."

Beard and Enoch March made the first "land entry" for the area on September 23, 1826. They expanded their holdings in 1827 and were joined by John Knight in 1828. By 1828, the three had entered the entire section that was the original city of Beardstown.

Beard and March platted and laid out the original town which was acknowledged in Morgan County on September 9, 1829. Cass County was not formed from Morgan County until 1837, so Beardstown pre-dates the county by eight years.

In his *Historical Sketch of Cass County, Illinois: An Oration Delivered July 4, 1876, at Beardstown, ILLs.* Shaw cites specific records to debunk "stories current that Beardstown was laid out in 1824, and that the site was bought by Beard and March for twenty-five dollars." (That sounds awfully like the Dutch buying Manhattan from the Indians.)

The OLCM Founder's room is dedicated to Thomas Beard and his family, and the mural in the foyer is John C. Garm's depiction of Beard with settlers and Indians.

The OLCM is planning activities to celebrate Beard's settlement. Please follow on our Facebook page.

– Paula Woods

Two Anniversaries

2019 is a momentous year for Beardstown. Not only is it the 200th anniversary of Thomas Beard settling on this site, but it is the 175th anniversary of the construction of building which was originally the courthouse for Cass County, then became the City Hall of the City of Beardstown, and is now the Old Lincoln Courtroom and Museum.

In his *Historical Sketch*, J. Henry Shaw provides some background for the moves of the county seat between Beardstown and Virginia. In 1837 when Cass County was formed from Morgan County Beardstown was named the county seat, provided that the Corporation of Beardstown raise \$10,000 within a year to be paid to the county to defray expenses of construction of needed public buildings. Beardstown failed to comply with this requirement, and on March 2, 1839, the legislature moved the county seat to Virginia, where it remained until an election on the first Monday of September, 1843 (September 4, 1843) when by a majority of 165 votes of 741 cast, the county seat returned to Beardstown.

This time Beardstown complied with the requirement to aid in the building of the courthouse. According to *the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, immediately after the election, "Beardstown preceded to procure a location for the proposed buildings. A lot was selected at the southeast corner of the public park upon which a commodious two-store [sic] court house of brick was erected, in the rear of which a safe and secure jail was built; these buildings were erected in the year 1844."

The records the Cass County Commissioners Court for February 8, 1845, state that Henry Dummer, Esqr., "on behalf of the Corporation of Beardstown, presented to the court a deed from Thomas R. Saunders to the County of Cass for Lot Number One in Block Number Thirty-one in Beardstown in said county. Also a receipt from B.W. Schneider, contractor for building the court house on Lot One in Block Thirty-one (31) in the town of Beardstown in Cass County, for the payment in full for erecting said building; also a like receipt from Thomas Beard, contractor for building the jail on said lot, to the trustees of Beardstown; and also the certificate of the sufficiency of the courthouse and jail. . . ."

The next meeting of the Commissioners Court was held in Beardstown on March 3, 1845.

Beard is named in several sources as the architect, but he is named only as the contractor in Commissioners Court records. His "safe and secure jail" was evidently inadequate for the needs of a growing community and the rise of criminal activity. For instance, J. Henry Shaw cites a rise in horse thievery in 1850-52, relating his prosecution of a gang that broke jail and headed for Kansas. A new jail, the one standing today, was finished in 1852. The contractor, Thomas J. Burns, was paid a total of \$2,751.86.

The “commodious” two story brick courthouse was a considerable improvement over the “one-story frame building at the corner of Main and State” in which the circuit court met the first time Beardstown served as county seat, November 13, 1937. At this meeting was a new lawyer from Springfield, Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln again attended Cass County Circuit Court in 1838, probably in the same frame building.

Lincoln was in the 1844 Courthouse only three times. In November 15, 1853, November 20 and 21, 1857, and finally May 6 and 7, 1858—the Almanac Trial. These times are, nevertheless, important in Lincoln’s life as a lawyer, because they represent his earliest court appearances and what is probably his most famous trial.

We must cherish our treasure. It remains the only courtroom in which Lincoln practiced that is still an active courtroom.

Sources for this article include:

Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society, Vol. 7, No. 3 (October 1914)

J. Henry Shaw, *Historical Sketch of Cass County, ILLS: An Oration Delivered July 4, 1876*. Published at the office of the “Cass County Messenger.” 1876.

Thanks to Ron Culves for his research that aided in writing this article. – Paula Woods

ALNHA Report

The quarterly meeting of the steering committee of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area (ALNHA) was held in Pittsfield on April 10.

The 2019 visitor guide (2018 version is in the OLCM) will feature the 40 locations in the heritage area where the passport stamps for the national parks can be had as a strategy for encouraging visitors to visit multiple communities. The OLCM participates, drawing passport enthusiasts to Beardstown.

Building on this year’s success of “Lincoln the Great Communicator,” a program developed by George Buss, 2018 Fall Fun Festival Lincoln interpreter, and Chris Vallillo, who has appeared at the OLCM, Looking for Lincoln will apply for a grant so the program may be presented at 10 locations in 2020.

Another project discussed was the Illinois Freedom Project exhibit which has been developed by the Lincoln Home National Historic Site. This is a traveling exhibit which will be offered to Looking for Lincoln Communities when specifics are finalized.

Sarah Watson, Executive Director of Looking for Lincoln, presented Jessica Barnes from RAILS, Reaching Across Illinois Library System, a northern

Illinois group. Barnes discussed the *Explore More Illinois* website which allows patrons of participating libraries to access offers from historic sites and attractions. For instance, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum offers \$3.00 off admission for Illinois library patrons. *Explore More Illinois* is only in the beginning stages so more information will be forthcoming.

Perhaps the most exciting item on the agenda was the announcement that the boundaries of ALNHA have been expanded to include Livingston County and the cities of Freeport and Jonesboro. Livingston County is part of the contiguous area, but Freeport is in the far north (nearly Wisconsin) and Jonesboro in the far south. Both of these cities were sites of the Lincoln Douglas Debates of 1858 and certainly deserve to be included in ALNHA, although they are not in contiguous counties.

After the meeting Pike County’s All Wars Museum was opened for tours for Steering Council members. This museum is a most interesting display of what a small county/city can do to preserve a particular part of its history. – Paula Woods

Visitors & Activities

Although the Old Lincoln Courtroom and Museum has been open officially only since April 1st, it has been host to varied visitors. A small number of people dropped in during January and February, mostly from Beardstown and nearby towns, but also from Indiana and Wisconsin

In March in addition to a few drop-ins we conducted two arranged tours, one a local family showing visitors the museum. Maricella Chavez again brought the orientation class which she conducts in connection with the Beardstown Houston Memorial Library. This group comprised junior-high-school students, who were most interested in items in the Lincoln Room, the Civil War campaign officer’s desk and the Lincoln document in particular, and the Beardstown Room. They will return later in the year to see the rest of the museum.

On April 25 the Beardstown Ladies participated in the CNBC Stock Draft Contest, a parody of the NFL draft, working from tables in the courtroom. Last year they finished second in this contest, and we hope that they do even better this year.

Visitors to the OLCM are usually impressed by the collection and declare that they will spread the word about our facility. Word of mouth is one of our best “advertisements,” so spread the word!

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Welcome Home Alumni

Hours for Memorial Day Weekend

Friday, May 24: 10 AM – 4 PM

Saturday, May 25: 10 AM - 4 PM

Sunday, May 26: 1 PM – 4 PM

State Fair Participation

Looking for Lincoln will again be a presence at the Illinois State Fair, August 9-18, 2019, occupying the front lawn of the Illinois Building. There will be activities especially for children, demonstrations of crafts, musical performances, and site displays and information.



2019 Friends Contributions to Date

Our Friends are truly the life-blood of the Old Lincoln Courtroom Museum. Their annual contributions fund the preparation of exhibits, restore fragile gifted items, and sponsor the activities that help us meet our mission of preserving valuable history, educating others, and maintaining the integrity of the exhibits. We welcome new friends at any time. See the form on this page.

Mr. Lincoln's Friend:

Annual Gift \$25.00 - \$49.00

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2. Ann Brewer
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Mr. Lincoln's Bailiff:

Annual Gift \$250.00 - \$499.00

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Mr. Lincoln's Judges Chambers:

Annual Gift \$500.00

In Memory of Bonnie Culves - \$315.00

Karmen R. Kruse, Sharon J. Baker, John & Rosemary Holler, Richard & Laura Zillion, Kenneth & Doris Pilger, Cathy Gibson, Carol McCombs & Family, Paula M. Woods, Anne Brewer

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175th Anniversary Fundraiser

Since 2019 is the 175th anniversary/birthday of the courthouse, the Old Lincoln Courtroom and Museum is having a fundraiser to celebrate.

We want to add some period appropriate materials to the building. So far we've replaced the carpet in the foyer with plank flooring that looks more authentic to the era of the building. This follows replacement of fluorescent lights in the foyer with chandelier type lamps.

For the first 175th project, we have decided upon battery operated candles for the windows to show off the building at night. If we have funds left over from these candles, we'll decide what else would add to the ambiance of the Old Lincoln Courtroom and Museum. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

As a gimmick we've decided on asking for donations of 175: \$1.75 (appropriate for children); \$17.50 for most of us; \$175.00 if you had an Income Tax refund; \$1,750.00 if you had a really good refund; \$17,500.00 when you win the lottery.

When this endeavor was first announced at the Friends reception before leaving two people contributed. Let's keep it going. Donations may be made by cash, money orders, checks, or credit card.

— Paula Woods

Selections from our Archived Newspapers

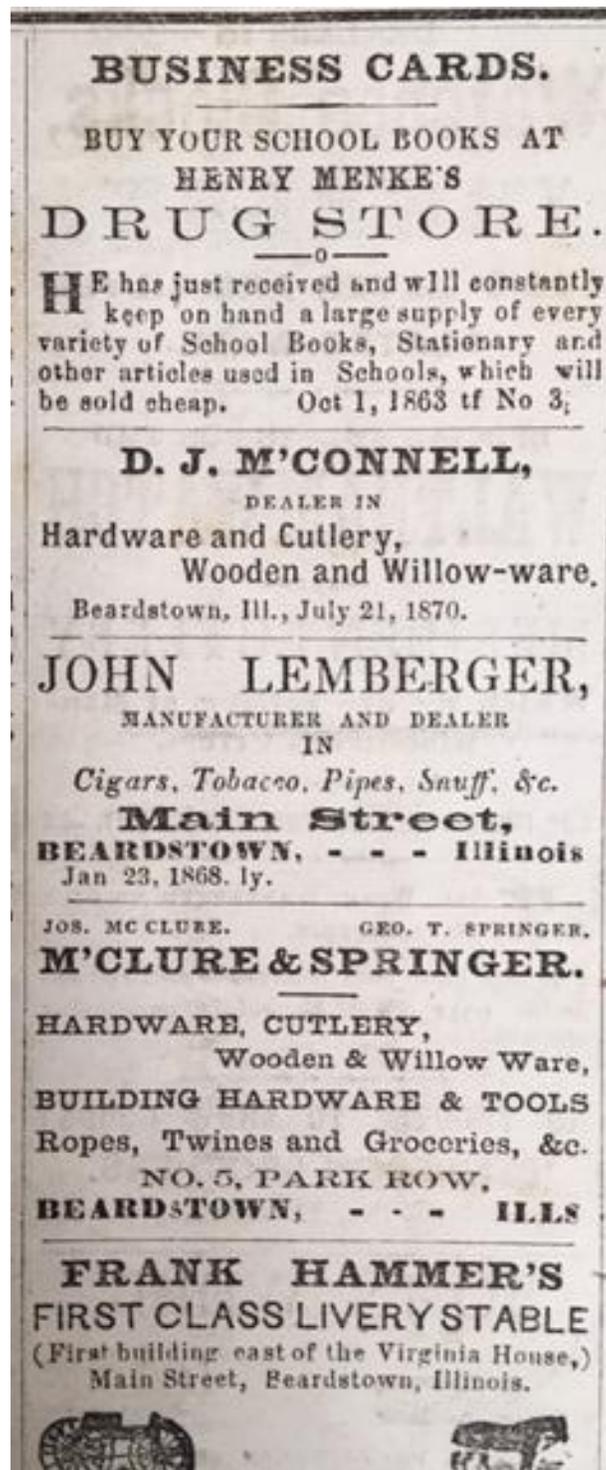
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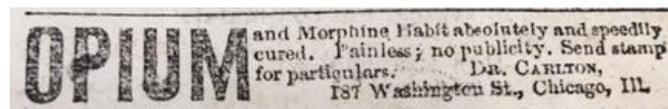
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