

REFLECTIONS

October—November—December 2013



Walter Guede Post

The Walter Guede American Legion Post was chartered in September 28, 1920 in honor of a Lacon boy who was killed July 29, 1918 during World War I while serving in France.

After searching for nearly five years, his remains were found and returned to Lacon where military rites were performed by Rev. L.M. Thompson at the Methodist Church.

A caisson drawn by four black horses bore the body from the church to the Lacon cemetery where he was interred in the mausoleum.

Walter E. Guede was a private of the 165th Infantry Company H and according to his obituary, was the only Lacon boy killed during that time.

The local American Legion Post bears his name.



Armistice Day (which overlaps with Remembrance Day and Veterans Day) is celebrated every year on 11 November to commemorate the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. While this official date to mark the end of the war reflects the ceasefire on the Western Front, hostilities continued in other regions, especially across the former Russian Empire and in parts of the old Ottoman Empire.

The date was declared a national holiday in many allied nations, to commemorate those members of the armed forces who were killed during war. An exception is Italy, where the end of the war is commemorated on 4 November, the day of the Armistice of Villa Giusti.

After [World War II](#), the name of the holiday was changed to [Veterans Day](#) in the United States. (Wikipedia.)

Last year there were 93,899 members of the American Legion Posts in Illinois.



Fly your flag on November 11 to honor our veterans.

Marshall County Historical Society

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MEMBERSHIP

ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL – \$10
ANNUAL FAMILY—\$15
LIFE – \$150
LIFE HUSB/WIFE—\$200
AFFILIATE – \$25–\$100
Renewals are due in January

MCHS 2013 BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings are on Saturday at the museum at 10 am

January 19 (Annual/Board Meeting)

March 16

May 18

July 20

September 21

November 16

January 18, 2014 (Annual/Board Meeting)

Committee Chairpersons may schedule committee meetings at 9:30 or immediately following board meeting if needed.

NEW MEMBERS

Craig & Barb Volker
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OLD SETTLERS CORNER

DEATH OF OLD SETTLERS 1877

SHURTS,	ANN	APR	1		IN ILLINOIS SINCE 1845
GREEN, E.	PERRY	FEB	15	34 YR	
WIKOFF,	ELIZABETH	SEP	2	80 YR.	IN ILLINOIS 27 YRS
KLEIN,	GERTRUDE	JAN	17	56 YR	
ERWIN,	JOHN T.	JUN	4	84 YR.	WHITEFIELD
PECK,	WILLSON	APR	7	64 YR	WHITEFIELD
PECK,	PHOEBE	MAR	29	53 YR	
DOYLE,	THOMSS	AUG	29	70 YR	SARATOGA
DUNLAP,	MARGARET	DEC	6	77 YR.	KANSAS RES WHITE-
HOSKINS,	JOHN S.	NOV	3	69 YR	STUBEN FIELD
MARTIN,	JOSIAH W.	JUL	29	69 YR	HOPEWELL
LOWE,	W. W.	JUL	15	70 YR	ROCK ISLAND
ORR,	WM. T.			60 YR	LACON
MC LAUGHLIN,	POLLY				STEUBEN
JUDSON,	EMILY			60 YR	HOPEWELL
BLOCK,	MRS.			80 YR	RICHLAND
HULL,	MRS. LOUIS			50 YR.	RICHLAND
STOWE,	ELIZABETH	APRIL	12	63 YR	MO.
RANNEY,	AMELIA	JUN	23	67 YR	Nee BAGLEY
GRIFFIN,	NANCY	SEP	17	68 YR	Nee AKERY
CLARKE,	VIRGINIA	NOV	5	24 YR	Nee DAVIS

When doing genealogy research, it's important to know the geography of the country, the state and the county lines.

For instance, Alsace-Lorraine was a German territory until the end of the Thirty Years War in 1648. Alsace then became French, as did Lorraine in 1766.

When the modern state of Germany was created in 1871, Alsace-Lorraine became German once again and remained so until the end of WW I in 1919. Since 1945 it has been part of France. When tracing genealogy and reading census or ship records, it is important to know the time period as well as the history of the land.

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www.marshallcountyhistory.org**

MUSEUM HOURS:
TUES. & WED. 9 AM – 12 PM
SATURDAYS 10 AM – 12 PM
Or call the Museum for appointment
309-246-2349

The One Room School Day by Alba McDonald



Recently health education booklet was found in a drawer in the museum in Lacon. It was dated 1930 and contained suggestions for rural teachers of one-room schools.

There were chapters on activities for children of all ages. One chapter concentrated on personal health habits. They had health habit checking sheets that listed a daily program.

A lunch box score card was used by the students to rate their own lunch box, with the assistance of the teacher. Contents of a good lunch would contain milk in some form, sandwiches, vegetables in a sandwich or hot soup, fruit or a simple cake or cookie.

One warm dish at noon was encouraged such as hot cocoa or a simple soup.

The following verse may present a child's viewpoint:

"Pa warms the milk for the little calf
Ma heats the food for the chick;
Both eat a hot meal at noontime too,
But my lunch is as cold as a brick".

Community Hours Offered

To graduate from Midland High School, students must earn 24 hours of Service Learning credit. The museum is one of the approved organizations where a student can earn their community service hours. We have several small projects that we need help with and we welcome all student volunteers.

Annual Meeting

The organizations Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 18. Per our new Constitution and Bylaws, all officers and boards members will be elected.

Officers and board members serve for one year term.

If you'd like to serve in either capacity, please contact the Museum by phone or email.

Annual Banquet Scheduled

The Annual Banquet has tentatively been scheduled for Saturday, April 19. The program will be on Marshall County Railroads.

We are interested in identifying people in Marshall County that have:

1. A model railroad collection
2. Railroad memorabilia: Hats, shirts, lanterns, signs, photos, railroad history, railroad maps.... that we could borrow to do a front window or scan for the banquet program.
3. Worked on a railroad that passed through Marshall County

If you have something to share for this program, please contact John Wabel wabeljl@yahoo.com or call the Museum 309-246-2349.



Henry Depot



Sparland Depot
From Sparland Centennial Book



Travis Grate Company

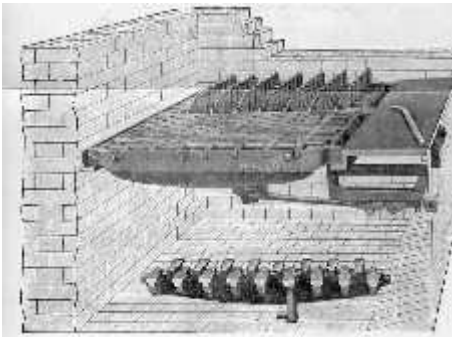
The Travis Grate Company of Henry was begun by George Travis around 1903 on the river bank, at the end of Edward and Water Street. It was still in operation in 1911 when an ad was published. That advertisement is listed on EBay for \$6.99.

Another advertisement stated any fireman could install them in any furnace in or about two hours. They were strictly self-contained and no tools were required to install them.

They were built for bricked-in furnaces, ice boxes, internally fired boilers or where the grates were placed in a round flue. They were made to allow the ashes or water to be dropped into a lower compartment. They were fitted for all new or old styles of cast boilers and could be custom made.

All grates were made to order and were shipped complete and ready to install all over the country.

Mr. Travis died in 1938.



How to know you're getting older?
Your knees buckle and your belt won't!
You know all the answers but nobody asks you the questions!
Your children begin to look middle-aged!

Window Displays



As September was National Preparedness Month and in keeping with that theme, the large west window was a salute to all of the first responders, past and present. It included the sheriff's department, police departments, fire departments and ambulances and other volunteers throughout Marshall County. We are grateful for the service these agencies have provided for many years.



A gold cast mold of Lincoln's Gettysburg address has recently been given to the Marshall County Historical Society by Rebecca Lock of Greenview, Illinois. It had hung in her classroom for several years. The molded cast was made by Henry William Shulte of Lacon in 1956.

Stop in to the Museum and see it as well as other interesting artifacts as the displays change from time to time.

Old fashioned magazines

“*Every Week*” magazine”, published from 1915-1918, was a significant magazine phenomenon of its day, with a weekly circulation of 600,000 copies.

The contents provided a rich cultural resource for those interested in the World War I home front, popular fiction, advertising, and constructions of race and gender during this period.

Until the development of a digital edition, the magazine could be accessed by scholars and readers only with great difficulty due to its embrittled condition and rarity.

Many issues can now be found online.

The pictures are from the covers of a collection of some of these magazines.



Whittelsey became active in the Maternal Association of Utica and was chosen to edit its new periodical, the *Mother's Magazine*, which first appeared in January 1833.

Aimed at educating mothers about their responsibilities and potentialities, the magazine quickly proved a success. It was transferred to New York City in 1834 when the Whittelseys moved there, and she continued to edit it until her death.



Life is the title of an American magazine that from 1883 to 1936 was published as a humor and general interest magazine. *Time* founder Henry Luce bought the magazine in 1936 solely so that he could acquire the rights to its name when it became a weekly news magazine launched by Luce with a strong emphasis on photojournalism.

Life was published weekly until 1972; as an intermittent "special" until 1978; and as a monthly from 1978 to 2000. It became a weekly newspaper supplement published by Time Inc. from 2004 to 2007 and was included in some American newspapers.

A magazine dated December 15, 1941 has an article and pictures of Steamboat Elsie. It was also the big week when Japan launched an attack on the United States. Many pages cover that story as well.

This issue sells for \$30 to \$35 on ebay today.



Abigail Goodrich Whittelsey, born Nov. 29, 1788, Ridgefield, Conn., died July 16, 1858, Colchester, Conn. She was an American editor whose mission in her magazine work was to provide information and instruction on the role of mothers.





Does anyone recognize this location? Thought it might be east or south side of Central Park in Henry. Any other suggestions?

Museum Wish List

- Desktop Computer Windows XP or higher
 - Small 4 or 5 ft step ladder
 - Electric Drill 3/8" corded/cord less
 - 2 or 4 drawer file cabinet, heavy duty.
 - One-room school pictures/histories
 - Mannequins for clothing display.
 - Clothes rack on rollers 5-6 ft tall, 4-5 ft wide.
- Thanks for donating needed items.
Donations are tax deductible.



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