

# Hamilton County Historical Society Newsletter

## Fall 2008

### **Goshen Trail Tour a Success!**

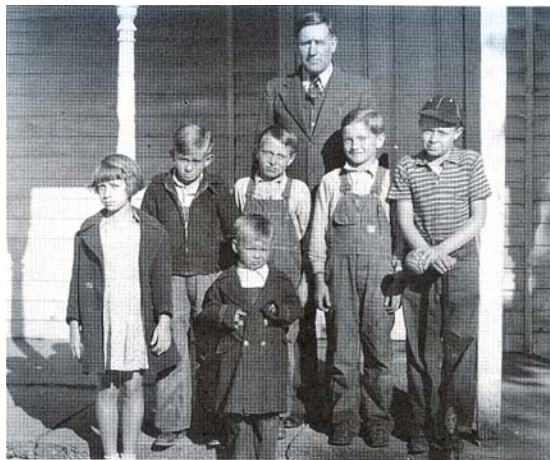
The Historical Society sponsored a bus tour of the Hamilton County portion of the Goshen Trail Saturday, October 25, 2008. According to Rick Moore, president of the Historical Society, this road spanned 150 miles from Shawneetown to the Edwardsville-area. This year marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first recorded reference to the Goshen Trail. Fifty-one individuals heard presentations about the Burns House; Riddle Tavern; Independence; Mellonsville (Cracker's Neck, Flint); Middletown; Knights Prairie Church and Cemetery; Cartwright Chapel Church and Cemetery; Smith Church and Cemetery; and Walpole. Presenters included Rick Moore, Ronald Nelson, Brenda Tarlton, Micki Faruzzi, and Ralph Gray. The Society sponsored the tour free of charge and provided lunch at Smith Church. The Hamilton County Historical Society would like to thank Ray Tarlton and Harry Sanders for providing transportation for the trip.



*Brenda Tarlton speaking about Cracker's Neck*

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### **Wanted: Old School Pictures**

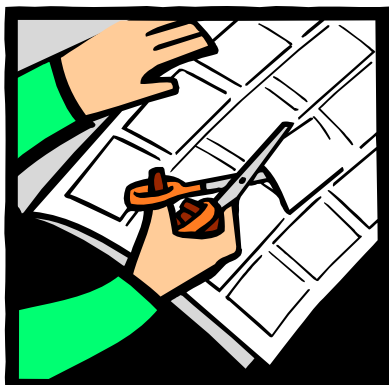


*Cates School 1938  
Laban Elmer Cross, Teacher*

The Historical Society is currently seeking old Hamilton County grade school pictures. Including the consolidations, Hamilton County had more than 100 schools over the years. Doris Nelson, Historical Society secretary, has collected more than 600 pictures from area schools. If you think you may have pictures to add to the collection, call Doris at (618) 643-3272. She can scan the pictures and return the originals to you. Can you help identify the first names of the students in this picture?

Back Row: Adams, Parkhill, Cook, Bullock.  
Front Row: Adams, Clarence "Bud" Parr

## **Final Grandma Deem Scrapbook to Be Published!**



The Hamilton County Historical Society is pleased to announce the upcoming publication of *Grandma Deem's Marriage Notices: 1899-1921*. For about 34 years, Sevilla "Grandma" Deem pasted obituaries and marriage notices from area newspapers onto Montgomery Ward catalogs. With the publication of *Marriage Notices: 1899-1921*, the Historical Society completes the "Grandma Deem" set. The final Grandma Deem scrapbook will also include biographical information about Deem, as well as additional marriage notices from 1930-1931.

To pre-order the publication, send \$40 (shipping and Illinois sales tax included) to the following address: Hamilton County Historical Society, 409 North Pearl St., McLeansboro, IL 62859. Order forms will be available at the McCoy Memorial Library or our website: [www.rootsweb.com/~ilhchs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilhchs). All previous Grandma Deem scrapbooks are still available. To complete your set, visit the back of this newsletter. In other publication news, the Hamilton County Historical Society has now sold out of the first printing of *McLeansboro Illustrated: The 1900 & 1910 Special Supplements to the McLeansboro Times*. To order the softbound reprint, send \$12 + \$3 s/h to the same address.

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## **First Hamilton County Historical Society Scholarship Awarded**

The first Hamilton County Historical Society Scholarship was awarded to Jennifer L. Rodgers at the Hamilton County High School Honors Program on May 6. Rodgers is currently attending the University of Southern Indiana. She noted, "I am very grateful to have been the 2008 recipient of this award and to all of you for your efforts to keep the history of our community alive for future generations." Pictured: Ryan P. Nelson and scholarship recipient, Jennifer Rodgers. Photo: Paul Lorenz/*McLeansboro Times-Leader*

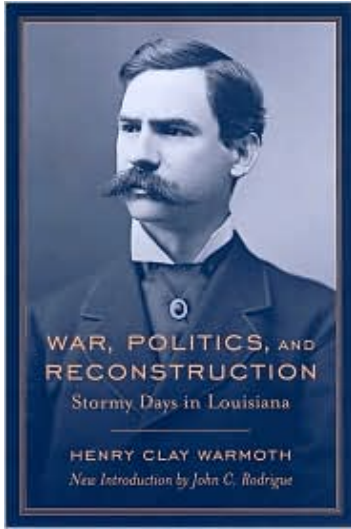


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## **Historical Society Continues School Library Support**

The Society continues to support the "Southern Illinois" Collection of the Hamilton County High School Library. With the Society's support, the high school library was able to purchase the 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1920 (Knights Prairie), and 1930 Hamilton County, Illinois, census books. These books are helpful in providing high school students with resources to help complete their freshman genealogy assignments.

## **Recent Genealogy Library and Museum Acquisitions**



The genealogy library has recently acquired *Family Maps of Hamilton County*. *Family Maps* plats most all of the original federal land patents on user-friendly maps. We also have a copy of *War, Politics, and Reconstruction: Stormy Days in Louisiana* by Henry Clay Warmoth. Warmoth was born in McLeansboro, Illinois and became Governor of Louisiana from 1868-1872. A photo collage of our museum recently appeared in Vol. 25, Issue 5 of *Springhouse* magazine. The museum has recently acquired a picture of the McLeansboro Merchant Marine Band that appeared in the 1900 Special Supplement to the *McLeansboro Times*. Mrs. Jo DeWitt, daughter of M.E. Daniel, the *Times* editor at that time, contributed the picture. In addition, Dr. Alec and Kris Hood donated McLeansboro Township High School annuals for the years: 1930, 1935, and 1936. Thank you.

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## **2009 Memberships now being Accepted**

If you would like to join the Hamilton County Historical Society or renew your membership for 2009, individual memberships are \$10 per person. Business memberships are \$30 or more per year. Make checks payable to the Hamilton County Historical Society and send to: Doris Nelson, Membership Chair, 409 N. Pearl St., McLeansboro, IL 62859.

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## **2008 Business Members**

The Hamilton County Historical Society would like to thank the following businesses for their continued support:

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Chapman Insurance  
Dairy Queen  
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Flannigan Tire  
Gholson Funeral Home  
Hamilton County Flooring Center  
Hamilton County Loan  
Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op  
H&R Block  
Hamilton Memorial Hospital District

Harre Funeral Homes And Ambulance Service  
Hunt's Hardware & Grocery  
Irvin's Jewelry  
Lisa's Hallmark  
Little & Associates  
Max Hunt Tank Truck Service  
McDonald's Restaurant  
Mimmo's Pizza  
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