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Greenwood School 800 Hayes Charleston, IL

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COLES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Carriage House located on the Dudley property in Charleston was in severe disrepair. It needed a new roof, interior rafters, soffits, fascia, rolling doors and gutters. Legacy Roofing & Restoration did a wonderful job restoring the historical building using period materials. Kayleb and Amanda Burritt, the owners of Legacy, had Tyler Gabbard and his crew complete the restoration at cost. Robert and Aimee Gooden from Legacy also donated new gutters.

The Dudley House also needed work, including a new HVAC unit and repairs to rotted sections of the houses support structure and new back porch flooring. A grant from the Charleston Community Trust helped cover the cost of many of these repairs. Larry Gutzler provided many volunteer hours painting and performing routine maintenance to the property.

The Historical Society Board would like to thank the numerous members who made monetary donations to help with the restoration.







The Dudley Property Carriage House Restoration Project

Society Leadership

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Ed Dowd: President
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Nancy Cole: Secretary
Sandra Graven: Treasurer
Larry Gutzler: Past President

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Dudley House & Greenwood School

The Dudley House and Greenwood one room school house were utilized for their historical significance as part of a movie project in production by local actors and producers. The Greenwood School was originally constructed in the early 1860's in Ashmore Township and operated until 1948. The CCHS moved the Greenwood School to its present location on the campus of EIU in 1975. The Dudley House was built in 1892 and was given to the CCHS in 1982. Dr. Dudley and his wife were the longest term residents from 1920—1960. Original artifacts, including medical equipment are available to view upon request. You can call the Research Center phone number at (217) 234–6744 and leave a message to make an appointment.

The continued maintenance and upkeep of the Dudley House and Greenwood School are challenging to fund. A substantial amount of the exterior wooden siding on the Dudley House will need to be restored soon. The driveway is in poor shape and the roof will need to be replaced in the near future.

We held a fundraiser to help with some of the costs of maintaining the two properties that included a raffle for a Henry Golden Boy 22 Rifle, or a heart shaped diamond necklace from Shores Jewelry, or \$500 in cash. The drawing took place at the train depot museum in August and Jerry Groniger was the raffle winner and opted for the \$500 in cash.



Mattoon Mayor Tim Gover, CCHS President Larry Gutzler and CCHS Board Member Tom Graven
Drawing the winning raffle ticket

Calendar of Events

Museum at the Depot: Open on Saturdays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (subject to change) Museum tours are also available by appointment. Contact Larry Gutzler at 235-2079. The museum is located in the basement of the Illinois Central Railroad Depot, 1718 Broadway Avenue Mattoon, IL. (We are looking for members to volunteer at the museum so we can increase availability to the public. Contact Larry Gutzler if you are interested)

Coles County Historical Society Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 20th, 2 pm In the Lone Elm Room at the IC Depot. More details on the back page. All members and the general public are welcome to attend.

Yearly Membership Renewal Form

The CCHS, incorporated in 1954, exists to preserve and interpret the history of Coles County. We take seriously the responsibility to provide multiple opportunities to discover meaning in the local past and its relation to national and international events. Your support helps to sustain programs and properties owned and administered by the society.

Please take a moment to join or renew your yearly membership and to consider an additional donation to the cause of your choice. Just complete the form below and return with a check to:

The Coles County Historical Society

COLES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 1398 Mattoon, Illinois 61938

Coles County Historical Society Annual Meeting

Sunday January 20, 2019
2:00 pm
Lone Elm Room
Mattoon Train Depot, 1718 Broadway Avenue

Entertainment will be provided The Slick Pick'n Railroad Blue Grass Band With Richard Hippler & Friends.

Light refreshments will be available

All Historical Society Members and the general public are encouraged to attend