

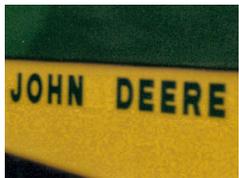
Carbon Hill School Museum

Welcome to the old Carbon Hill School, now a public museum, owned and operated by the Carbon Hill Historical Society, a registered not-for-profit Illinois organization, dedicated to collecting, preserving, and displaying our local history.

A Quarterly Newsletter

Summer 2011

Summer Visitors !!



We've been very busy at the museum !

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New Displays with Dick and Jane

From grapes to gowns to Dick and Jane.



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Scots in Carbon Hill

In earliest days our coal camp of Carbon Hill went by the nickname of "Scotch Hill" -- no wonder when you hear the miners' names.

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Wedding of the Past

The Dudgeon family was prominent in Felix Township. Their large home still stands on White Tie Road and one great grandson, Gary Phillips and family was the last generation to live there.

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Local Fossil Tour

August 27 and 28 there is a great opportunity to learn about fossils in the Mazon Creek bed. Offered by I&M Canal Corridor Association. Fees include fossils, food, & fun.

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About our Society

Your membership in the Society keeps the school museum thriving.

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Visitors !!

A wet spring and hot summer didn't slow down the museum at all. We welcomed many guests, tours, family receptions, genealogy researchers and history buffs.

The Heritage Corridor 10th annual Tractor Run filled our museum with 75 interested and very interesting folks - a great day!

Several members of the Residori family arrived early Homecoming Sunday with two wonderful old portraits of the original Residori residents of our village from the 1890's. These pictures will be kept on display along with some family history. Hope they can add more!



Soon after Henry (Bud) Rossio passed away in June, his brother Rich brought his family to visit us so the stories of family and village were flowing. Rich's memories of bait shops, playing outside until dark, working on cars, going to school, were all fun to hear!

Mike and Judy Ruffus, featured in our photo, came from St. Louis to see where his Troglia family lived on Fifth Street over 100 years ago. Wife Judy, a teacher, poured over teacher "stuff" in our classroom.

The Scottish History Club bus tour included 57 happy travelers, here to learn about the Scots in Carbon Hill and neighboring coal camps. Mining dangers and disasters, the dumps and pits, fossils, immigrant areas, and nuclear plants were in the tour route.

Our next local bus tour will be on August 11. Phone the CC library to sign up: 815-634-4552.

We'll be open for the first annual **Cruisin' the Hill, Aug. 27, 3-8pm**

THE SCOTS IN CARBON HILL

Carbon Hill was first called Scotch Hill for a good reason. The Streator Coal Company bought the Suffern mine land as well as the "Preston 80" and brought in Scottish miners to sink, engineer, and manage the new mines. John Runcie divided lots on his small plot of investment land near the roundhouse on the south side of current Rathburn Street and the place called Scotch Hill got its start. Ten years passed before the place was permanent enough for Charles Rathbun, secretary of Streator Coal Co. to plat out Carbon Hill village. He named streets for the co. mine officers and investors. (Rathbun is the correct spelling) First, Second, and Third Streets were filled with Scottish, English, Welsh, a few Irish and a few Italian families. Marriages united these families into the generations.

Our village's first president, Robert Fleming, also was our first postmaster and had a store on Lacey St. One of his sons, Joseph B, taught in our school, wrote our by laws, and became a well known Chicago lawyer. One of Robert's daughters, Helen, also taught before marrying Ben Trotter. When the Fleming family moved to the city, Helen and Ben moved her parents' beautiful Victorian home out of Carbon Hill across Trotter's field to the northwest corner what is now Division and DeWitt Streets in Coal City. The home is still there.

Additional Scots in Carbon Hill were Walker, Tallman, Hutton, Wharrie, Tracy, Keers, Longmuir, McKee and many many others.

The John L. Walker family included a son who became barber in our hotel. This barber's son, LeRoy, became grandpa to Ken, Tom, and Gail Walker (Crowford).

The brickworks was run by Gabriel Longmuir. He is pictured below with friends Robert Fleming and David Wharrie. They are dressed in their official garb of Clan Cameron #47.



Wedding of Note

Hoge-Dudgeon 12/23/1884

Having displayed old wedding dresses in the museum we have been paying attention to wedding articles of the past. This one is the most detailed and spectacular of its time.

HOGE-DUDGEON: At the residence of the bride's parents, in the town[ship] of Felix, took place Tuesday evening Dec. 23rd, 1884, one of the largest weddings ever in the town[ship]. The contracting parties being Miss Amelia Dudgeon and Mr. Wm E. Hoge. The contracting parties were attended by Miss May Dudgeon, sister to the bride, and Miss Hattie Scofield, and Messrs. John F Hoge and Israel Dudgeon acted as groomsmen. At half past 8 o'clock Miss Lizzie Holderman played the wedding march, when the bride and groom entered the parlors, followed by their attendants. The marriage was performed by Rev. C. L. Corwin of the Congregational Church, under a horse shoe. The guests numbered ninety, and soon after the ceremony a substantial supper was served. The happy couple left early Wednesday morning, followed by the best wishes of their many friends. The following is a list of the presents with the names of the donors:

Large Bible and \$20 in gold, Mr. and Mrs. James B Hoge; handsome album, Albert E. Hoge; six silver teaspoons, Mr. and Mrs Hendley Hoge; silver pickle castor, Mr. and Mrs. William Reardon; silver castor, C.C. and F. S. Hoge; eight day Seth Thomas clock, John F. Hoge; silver sugar bowl, Misses Lizzie and Mary and Frank Holderman; granite set of tea dishes, fifty-six pieces, Misses Kate and Lizzie and Nevel Bashaw; six silver teaspoons, Mr. and Mrs. John Holderman; china set of one hundred and thirty pieces, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Strasburger and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer; farm festivals, Miss May Dawson; six silver teaspoons and butter knife, Mary Dudgeon; silver castor, Mr. and Mrs. S. Suffern; Singer sewing machine, Israel and Charles Dudgeon; silver napkin rings, Art Perry, Braidwood; toilet set, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Mallot;

arsene plush mats, Toura M. Howe; six silver tablespoons, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Young; granite teapot, Mr. and Mrs. James Penn; hanging lamp, Mr. and Mrs. John Broadbent; hanging lamp, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Dudgeon; six silver knives and forks, Mr. and Mrs. Al Trotter; silver and glass card receiver, Hattie Scofield; glass set, Mary Lutcliffe; America illustrated, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Clark and Son, Ottawa; six silver teaspoons, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Miller; silver pickle caster, Misses Mary and Belle Suffern; carving knife, fork and steel, Mrs. John Trotter; silver butter knife, Nettie, Carrie and Erra Robinson and Lou Tuttle; table cloth, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pattison; tablecloth, Mr. and Mrs. John Huff; tidy, Florence H. Hoge; bedspread, Mr. and Mrs. Geol Trotter; bedspread, Mr. and Mrs. H> F> Robinson; lamp, Harry S. Hoge; improved pancake baker, Minnine and Freeie Hoge; pepper box and salt celler, Tena Stocker; silver card receiver, Belle Meyer; silver napkin rings, Aggie Young; Cricket clock, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Hunt; perfume case, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ridgway; looking glass in plush frame, Tillie and Lizzie Galusha, Hudson, Mich; box of cigars, George Winsor; mantle ornamented, F. J. Holderman and J. H. Hoge.

NEW DISPLAYS

Recent displays peaked a lot of interest!! Cutouts of Dick and Jane, Sally, Spot and Puff say "See Spot run." Old cameras are reminders of the days of film. The wine press seems like a messy job. Rare society ribbons with fancy fringe are impressive finds representing all kinds of clubs.



Fossil Tour and Hunt!

Join the Canal Corridor Association for their 2nd Annual Mazon Creek Fossil Tour!

When: Saturday, August 27, 2011 and Sunday August 28, 2011.

Saturday is an introductory session and Sunday is our advance session.

Fee: \$150 per person/per date, **Reservations Are Required**

Learn about the environment, ecosystems, and climate of Northern Illinois as it was 300 million years ago by collecting fossil specimens at the Mazon Creek Fossil Beds. You will be led through the most famous fossil site of the Midwest by Dave Dolak, Geologist from Columbia College Chicago. After a brief introductory lecture under the oak trees, the adventure begins with a hayride to the original site of the discoveries along the Mazon Creek as it was in the mid-1800s and the opportunity to collect the unique concretions such as ferns and horsetails.

Bring a bucket, rock hammer, shoes to wear in the creek, and casual clothing. Everyone will have specimens to take home to remember the day. After several hours in the creek, share your finds and ask Professor Dolak about them over cocktails. Then more fun is to be had with a barbeque to celebrate your finds. All proceeds will go to the Canal Corridor Association to help preserve I&M Canal history, protect its environment, and create tourism.

Feel free to contact us for reservations or any further questions **815-223-1851**.

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Come Visit Us at the Museum!

The Carbon Hill Historical Society is dedicated to the collection, preservation and display of local history. The Society is a registered not-for-profit organization and is the sole owner of the Carbon Hill School Museum. The museum is open Mondays, noon to four p.m. --- or by appointment. We are located at 875 Second Street in Carbon Hill. Dues for membership in the Society is \$15.00 annually. Thank you!



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