



# Roselle History Museum Newsletter

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## Hard to believe???

Almost everyone, young and old, seems to be walking around with a phone in their hand or in their ear! You might think that this device is one of the most important parts of today's modern lifestyle. The fact is that phones may have always been our number one priority.

In the Roselle area, electricity arrived in 1922, running water in 1924, sewers in 1927 but the first telephone exchange was operational in 1903! It looks like having a phone was more important than some of the little comforts of life like running water or indoor plumbing...Just sayin'

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## Chicago's Sweet Candy History

The Roselle History Museum is pleased to welcome Leslie Goddard to our Historical Night program on April 5, 2014 at the Trinity Family Life Center, 405 S. Rush Street in Roselle. Ms. Goddard will share her expertise on the production of well-known candies in Chicago throughout history. For most of its history, Chicago produced about one-third of the nation's candy. Some that you may know of are Brach's Caramels, Snickers, Wrigley's gum, Cracker Jack, Tootsie Rolls, Mars Bars and Frango Mints. Find out the history of these tasty treats, their role in confectionery history, and how some of them got their names. Samples available for munching!



We will again offer wine/ restaurant certificate combos for purchase as well as a basket raffle chock full of sweet treats!

The evening will begin with a wine and cheese reception at 7:30 p.m. featuring the

fine wines of Lynfred Winery followed by the program, *Chicago's Sweet Candy History* at 8:00 p.m. Homemade cookies, coffee, and lemonade will follow the program.

Advance tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Roselle Village Hall, 31 S. Prospect Street; at the Roselle History Museum's Office, 39 E. Elm Street; or from museum members starting March 8th. Tickets purchased at the door the night of the program will be \$18. Students ages 6 – 12 will be admitted free.

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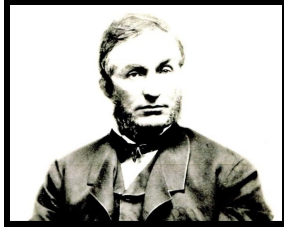
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## PASSPORT ADVENTURE PROGRAM

Join the fun. The passport program is your ticket to many amazing and exciting programs at various museums. The program runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Get a Passport Book and visit museums listed in the book. The Passports are available at the museum or the Roselle Public Library after May 1st. Visit five museums and get a certificate or visit 7 museums and receive a prize. Turn your Passport in at the History Museum to get your prize. As you visit each Museum get that page of your book stamped. The program is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 12. It is sponsored by the Kane-DuPage Regional Museum Association.



## 'FROM THE ARCHIVES' -PART II By Joan Beauprez

**W**hy did Rosell M. Hough and his wife Ann Jennet P. (Elliot) move from Roselle to downstate Lincoln, the county seat in Logan County Illinois? We know that they lived there since Rosell's obituary states that he farmed there in 1874, and that in 1892 he was buried next to his beloved wife in Old Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

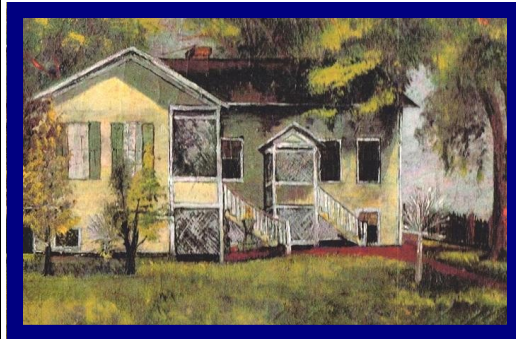
I wanted to gather more information so I went to the courthouse, Logan County Genealogical Society and Historical Society and the Lincoln Public Library many times over the years. Thanks to my husband and our close friend who lives in the area we found deeds, depositions, a Last Will and Testament, maps, and drove to the actual farmland.

They bought about 175 acres around Kickapoo Creek and also property in the center of town for their home. There is a listing of what they owned in 1885 from an inventory of Ann J's estate before her death in September..

From her will: On the farm there were 120 acres of corn in the field, 20 head of hogs, 3 spans (teams) of mules, 3 farm wagons, 3 double harnesses, 4 plows, 4 corn cultivators, one corn planter, one stalk cultivator, one mowing machine, and one sled.

Rosell probably hired men to run his farm as he did in Roselle because he was into all sorts of business transactions across the Midwest.

Rosell and Ann Jennett owned two lots in downtown Lincoln near her brother Henry Elliot and his family's home which is shown below.. Henry, raised in Roselle/Bloomington went to Lincoln in 1862 with his new wife to work in the lumber and grain business. His older brother James F.D. Elliott built the Elliot Mills for \$40,000 in 1861. They were 3 stories high and processed 165 barrels of flour a day. Henry became part owner and worked there until 1885. At the time Lincoln had 3 railroads for shipping goods to Chicago, St. Louis and other Illinois towns.



Rosell, Ann J., Henry, and James all bought and sold land in and out of town and to each other. Their mills and houses are no longer standing, but there is a small oil painting of Henry's house owned by his great great granddaughter Lynette Eldredge. We have a copy of this painting.

In Ann's estate papers there is a list of possessions in the house in 1885 at the time of her death: Front parlor furniture and carpet, back parlor furniture and carpet, 10 oil paintings, lace curtains, 2 large oil paintings, 8 pictures, solid silver place settings, silver plated tea set and goblets, china and glassware, solid gold locket, watch and chain, gold breast pins, and toothpicks. Ann J. also had a diamond pin, a 3 stone diamond ring, shares of stock in the Chicago Chamber of Commerce and old silver. This was only a portion of the inventory which also included a horse, carriage and harness. So you can see that both business ventures and family brought Rosell and Ann Jennett to Lincoln to start a new life.

(Photo of Rosell Hough courtesy of Chicago History Museum. Photo was cropped by Roselle History Museum)

## PLANNED VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

The American Legion Post 1084 is planning to erect a veteran's memorial in Depot Park directly across from the BMO Harris Bank on Irving Park Road. Funds are currently being raised with a



planned dedication on November

11, 2014. They are planning to sell

bricks for the memorial in two sizes. 4"x8" engraved with three lines for \$125 and 8"x8" engraved with six lines for \$300. Order forms are available at the Legion Hall on Maple Ave or at the History Museum. Volunteers from the History Museum are planning to provide two of the larger bricks. One brick will honor Col. Rosell Hough's service during the Civil War and the second brick will



honor all Roselle Veterans.

### WE CAN USE YOUR HELP

We are working with the American Legion to develop a list of veterans (living or deceased) from the Roselle area so their names can be included on the plaques for each war or military action. Please E-mail or call the museum at (630) 351-5300. If no one answers, please leave a message with your name and phone number, the veteran's name, and approximate years that he or she served. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

## "1913"

The building at 123 Main Street in Roselle, now a fine restaurant, was originally built for the Kee & Chapell Dairy Co. in 1913. At one time they were one of the largest operating dairies in Du Page Co. They dissolved into bankruptcy less than 10 years later.

Over the years the building was remodeled into a number of small store front businesses. In 2013 several businessmen decided to open a restaurant called "1913" in honor of the date the building was built. The restaurant now occupies what at one time were five store front establishments. During the remodeling, which included gutting the entire building down to the original brick walls and flooring, several pieces of history were uncovered. Ron Thorne, one of the owners, shared this information with us.

When one of the pieces of flooring had to be replaced, a small milk bottle was found with logo on it. Among other finds were tonic bottles and a browned newspaper dated October 16, 1929 from the barber shop that was in store front number 5. The newspaper was the West Suburban Shopper addressed to O. Fielitz, Roselle Ave. (Now Maple Street) which he probably took to the shop. We were aware that Otto Fielitz had a barber shop in the Roselle State Bank but we did not know that he was In the Museum there is a corner dedicated to various barbers in Roselle and features his name on the window. Little pieces of history were uncovered in this 100 year old build-



ing that now help us to understand the past in early Roselle.

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