



Roselle History Museum Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday July 5, 2013

The Roselle fireworks will be held **July 5, 2013** not the 4th, at the Lake Park West campus on Bryn Mawr. The fireworks will be preceded by a concert at 6:45 by a Beatles cover band, *American English*. The Roselle History Museum will be selling Glo-Sticks as they have done in the past.

Saturday July 6, 2013

The Roselle Park District is sponsoring a bus trip to the Illinois Rail Museum in Union, IL for their annual parade of electrically powered street cars, "L" cars, interurban equipment and work cars. Ride on diesel and electric mainline trains as well. Enjoy live music before and after the Trolley pageant as the *West End Jazz Band* entertains. Cost for Roselle residents and museum members is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. Lunch will be on your own at a driver selected location. Register at the Roselle Park District. The deadline is June 21st.

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In case you missed the annual Rose Parade, the weather was a bit cool but everyone who attended had a great time. The Roselle History Museum float celebrated the 25th anniversary of the museum's opening. The float "walkers" distributed 14,000 "Tootsie Rolls" to eager children and adults as well. Thanks for attending and be sure to come out again next year.

Our village was named after Rosell Hough but was he married? Who was his wife? Much was written about Mr Hough but we only knew of Mrs. Hough by her signature, Ann Jennett P.Hough, which was on their early land purchases in Bloomingdale Township. On August 27, 1845, their names first appeared together on a deed. Since there is no marriage record available, we never knew her maiden name until now. Read the whole story inside of this edition of the Roselle History Museum Newsletter.

NEWS FROM THE PAST Elgin Newspaper February 1886

The other day two tramps entered the depot in Roselle and stole a small sample grip containing \$50 worth of boot and shoe samples. Mr. Summers at once gathered a company and started on the hunt. They caught the rascals in Schaumburg as they were trying to steal Rev. Muller's team and sleigh. The tramps were armed but they were captured without trouble. They are now in jail in Wheaton.

PASSPORT TO 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 5 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' by Joan Beauprez

Part One

Who was Rosell M. Hough's wife? Much was written about Rosell but we only knew of Mrs. Hough by her signature, Ann Jennett P.Hough which was on their early land purchases in Bloomingdale Township. On August 27, 1845, their names first appeared together on a deed. Since there is no marriage record available, we never knew her maiden name until now.

Through the museum "FaceBook" page there was an inquiry about Ann Jennett P. Elliott, wife of Rosell, from her great grandniece who is doing research for a book about her Elliott family.

Lynnette Eldredge (picture below) has information about her "Aunt Jenny" and the Elliott family as early settlers in Illinois. After many, many e-mails exchanging records, stories and photos, Lynnette and I both have a clearer picture of the Hough and Elliott families in Roselle/Bloomingdale.

Both families arrived in this area about the same time; in the mid 1830's from New England. Moses Buchanan Elliott, his wife Mary (Polly) Washburn and children James F.D., Ann Jennett P., Henry F., Miriam plus other brothers and sisters settled here. All of the names above appear in the DuPage County land records; buying and selling property over the years.



The Hough's did not have children, nor is there any known picture of Ann Jennett. Lynnette gave us copies of portraits of Ann Jennett's two brothers James and Henry, so we do have a family resemblance on file. Also we now have a picture of a delicate rose point lace handkerchief that Ann Jennett carried around her bouquet on her wedding day.

As was planned, Lynnette came to Roselle from Sequim, Washington with her son Ben Fiedor from Wilmington, Delaware to see where her Aunt Jenny and Uncle Rosell lived, and to do research from the museum archive files for clues to their lives here.

We have an 1874 plat map of Rosell and Ann Jennett's property which included the museum buildings, downtown Roselle, Lynfred Winery, and Diamond Lil's, all of which we visited on our tour around town. President Ray Hitzemann, who was born and raised on farmland purchased from the Houghs, joined us to add another local perspective to the tour.

Lynnette and I will still be in touch because we have more to find out about why Rosell, Ann Jennett and her brother Henry wound up living in Lincoln, Illinois and buying more land in Logan County. **THAT WILL BE IN PART II!**

More coming events.....Friday, Saturday and Sunday August 2, 3 and 4, 2013

The annual ***Taste of Roselle***. Look for our booth on Main Street. The History Museum will have extended hours being open both Saturday and Sunday from 2-5.

DID YOU KNOW? BOKELMAN STREET

Bokelman Street is probably the shortest commercial street in Roselle. It is one block east of Roselle Road and runs from Irving Park Road to Hattendorf Street. For many years it was unchanged. On the west side was Gieske Hardware with 2 storage garages north of it and a convenience store known by many as "the milk store". On the East side was a gas station built in the 1950's, Troyke Blacksmith Shop built in 1910, a shoe repair shop built in 1926 and a private home on the north end

When the Gieske Hardware store blew up from a gas leak in 1956, the west side of street began to change. The Gorski's bought all of the land on the west side and developed it. They built a grocery store with the Rose Restaurant attached to it. Next to that they added a building containing 3 retail stores. It had a dry cleaner, Ron's Barber Shop and Klemmer's Paint store.

A TIF (tax incentive financing district) was established by the village of Roselle and all of the buildings on the west side of the street were torn down and replaced with a building housing commercial stores at street level with condo's above it..

The east side of the street remains basically the same except for its tenants. Troyke Black Smith Shop is now Briscoe Signs, next to Briscoe is a small store that has been many things , Ron and Cindy's shop moved to the east side where the shoe repair shop had been when their other shop was torn down and the building on the north now houses a law office

Note- We have asked several people to tell us about their favorite childhood games and toys. We would like to hear about yours.

AL ENGEL'S FAVORITE GAMES

Summer pastimes in the late '30s. I played a lot at the Troyke house behind the Troyke blacksmith shop because most of the yard was no grass but just level good hard dirt.

MARBLES You used a nail or stick to draw a circle about 18 inches wide. Each player, maybe 3 or 4 each put 2 glass marbles in the center of the circle. Each player took turns and used his shooter marble (larger than the ones in the circle) to knock any marble out of the circle. If he did knock any out it was his. The shooter marble was propelled by using your thumb next to your first finger. If you hit one out of the circle, you got another turn until you missed. There were good shooters and poor shooters. One of the best shooter was Spook (nickname) Foster. You accumulated marbles by either winning them or buying them. I must have bought a lot of them because I still have 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ quarts today.

ANNIE ANNIE OVER. We played the game of "Annie Annie Over" at the Troyke house also. It was a game for 2 players. It used a ball, usually a baseball. One of us stood on each side of the house. The game was to throw the ball over the roof and the kid on the other side was supposed to catch it.....Oooops.. Sorry about that window!

Yes, I'd like to help the Museum! Here's my membership contribution for 2013

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If you haven't yet renewed your membership, this will be your last copy of the newsletter. Please use the above form and help us keep the history of our village alive and well. We use your monies for upgrades, upkeep and new exhibits. As you probably know, the large majority of our visitors are school children.

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