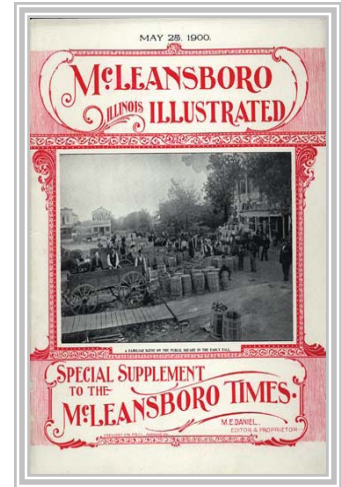


Hamilton County Historical Society Newsletter

Spring 2008

New Publication! Pre-Orders Being Taken

The Hamilton County Historical Society is pleased to announce the upcoming publication of *McLeansboro Illustrated: The 1900 & 1910 Special Supplements to the McLeansboro Times*. About 100 years ago, then *McLeansboro Times* editor M.E. Daniel assembled these special supplements to promote the community and attract businesses. In 1900, he had much to brag about. McLeansboro was emerging into modernity as a municipality. Within four years of 1900, McLeansboro had introduced an electrical plant, public waterworks, and a fire department. The year 1900 was a time of transition and these supplements reflect these exciting changes. *McLeansboro Illustrated* contain information about prominent individuals, businesses, organizations, local government, churches, and schools and has more than 175 pictures and more than 500 proper names. 70 pages, hardcover, indexed.



To Pre-Order, send \$20 (Illinois sales tax included) + \$5 s/h to the following address: Hamilton County Historical Society, 409 North Pearl St. McLeansboro, IL 62859. Order forms are available at the McCoy Memorial Library or our website: www.rootsweb.com/~ilhchs

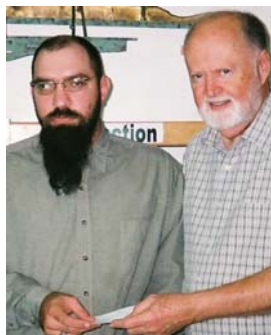


Goshen Trail/Road Anniversary

The year 2008 marks the 200th anniversary of the first recorded reference to the Goshen Trail, according to Rick Moore, president of the Hamilton County Historical Society. The Society is working to find ways to celebrate this occasion with the possibility of a tour of part of the trail later in the year.

New Historical Society Scholarship

The Society voted to establish a Scholarship committee and award a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who resides in Hamilton County. Scholarship applications are available at <http://www.unit10.com/hs/guidance/schlrshps/default.htm>. The deadline for applications is April 10, 2008.



Historical Society Supports “Southern Illinois Collection”

For the third consecutive year, the Hamilton County Historical Society voted to donate \$200 for the Hamilton County Senior High School Library’s “Southern Illinois Collection.” The “Southern Illinois Collection” provides students access to books about southern Illinois history, local interest, and books written by southern Illinois authors. High School Librarian Kenneth Kirkpatrick stated that it is one of the most popular and frequently browsed sections in the library. (Pictured Ryan P. Nelson and Kenneth Kirkpatrick, Hamilton County High School Librarian)

Genealogy Library/Museum Have Expanded Hours!

The Hamilton County Museum and Genealogy Library, located on the second floor of the McCoy Memorial Library, is now open Mondays –Fridays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. In addition, it is also open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. If you are coming from long distances, you may want to call the Library at 643-2125 to let us know of your visit. Thank you to our volunteers for making this possible: Elaine Ballard, Dita Campbell, Lonnie Farris, Ruth McGill, Ryan P. Nelson, Bob Smith, and Penny Van Winkle.



Hamilton County Historical Society Website!

If you haven’t visited our website, check us out at www.rootsweb.com/~ilhchs. You can find out information about our meetings, publications, genealogy library and museum. Michael Hebert, the USGenWeb coordinator for Hamilton County has volunteered his time to help out the Society. Thank you Michael!

New Officers for 2008

At the October 2007 Annual Meeting, the officers were elected for the year 2008

Rick Moore, President	Doris Nelson Secretary/Trustee
Ryan P. Nelson Vice President	W.N. Malottke, Trustee
Clara Farris, Treasurer	David Dykstra, Trustee

* * * * *

Meetings Set For 2008

Meetings will begin at 7 p.m. at the McLeansboro First General Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

March 25	July 22
April 22	Sept. 23 (at Hamilton Co. High School Library.)
June 24	Oct. 28 (Annual Meeting)

* * * * *

Membership 100+ For the Fourth Consecutive Year!

We are pleased to announce the Membership for the Hamilton County Historical Society continues to grow and grow! Anyone interested in becoming a member can send in yearly membership dues of \$10 to Hamilton County Historical Society, 409 North Pearl St., McLeansboro, Illinois 62859

* * * * *

2008 Business Members

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

4 R Equipment	Harre Funeral Home
Auten's Pizza	Hunt's Hardware & Grocery
Aydt and Associates	Irvin's Jewelry
Banterra Bank	Lisa's Hallmark
Chapman Insurance	Little & Associates
Dairy Queen	Max Hunt Tank Truck Service
Fender Mender	McDonald's Restaurant
Flannigan Tire	Mimmo's Pizza
Gholson Funeral Home	Peoples National Bank
Hamilton County Flooring Center	Rapp's Cabinets & Woodwork
Hamilton County Loan	Russell Alan Monroe, CPA
Hamilton County Telephone Co-Op	WMCL 1060
H&R Block	York's Pharmacy
Hamilton Memorial Hospital District	