



HERSCHER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

AUGUST 2024
NEWSLETTER

"from past generations to future generations"

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Herscher Labor Day celebration is just around the corner, and it seems all eyes are focused on the event. Plans begin for the village celebration a year ahead of time and it is likewise for the Herscher Historical organization.

In the meantime, the Historical Society remains busy with additional projects year-round. Newly updated technology and recently installed equipment aids in providing programs, most recently several Genealogy research workshops. A historical mural being painted on the south side of our Main Street museum is near completion, and we just recently opened our doors on additional dates at both museums for several local large family reunions. It was exciting for us hosting the visitors to witness the younger generations "connect" with their ancestors through pictures, tools or household items their early families had used. One younger boy on seeing his grandfather's wedding picture remarked, "I have Great granddad's nose!"

The Main Street display, ready in early September, will be featuring "Early Herscher Area schools through the century," replacing our "Decades of Hats/Caps from 1899-1960s!"

History retained, studied, and appreciated, is a gift for each of us. We thank you for your part in helping the Historical Society



Mural painted on south side of Main Street Museum

Mary Kirstein
HAHS President

MISSION STATEMENT

Herscher Area Historical Society's purpose is to capture and preserve history and artifacts related to Herscher and the surrounding area from past generations to future generations.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

On Sunday August 4th, HAHS held their first Genealogy Research Workshop. We had a full house. Bob Voss and Ron Shank presented on our recently purchased laptop and large screen TV which was donated by a generous HAHS member. We will be offering additional Genealogy Research Workshops on the following dates:

Wednesday, August 21 at 7:00 pm
Friday, September 13 at 9:30 am
Sunday, September 22 at 1:30 am



Ron Shank presents information to attendees at Genealogy Workshop

Join HAHS as you look to explore your family history. Learn how to start your searching, find out about HAHS resources, and avoid common research pitfalls. Participants will receive guidance to useful websites to discover cemetery records, property locations, Civil War records, and much more! All sessions will be held at HAHS Main Street Museum (190 S Main). There is no cost to attend, but **registration is required at herscherareahistory@gmail.com**. Watch upcoming emails or call HAHS at 815-426-2627 to hear about a variety of other planned presentations. All presentations are limited seating - open to members and non-members. If you have a suggested presentation or training that you feel would be interesting, please email us and we will see if we can provide or make information available. Thank you to Bob and Ron for their dedication and time organizing our presentations. Thank you so much to our first attendees. We hope you enjoyed the presentation and walked away with valuable information and sites to do genealogy research.



Christmas Collectables & Décor Sale



Saturday, November 16

Sunday, November 17

(Times will be posted later)

161 W Myrtle St Herscher, IL (Corner of Oak & Myrtle)

Shop and Support Your Local Museum!



Two large family reunions were recently held in Herscher. We opened our doors on additional dates for the extra visitors. These photos show just some of the fun we had while they were here!





YOU'RE INVITED!

**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
at the Anderson House**



**December 19
4pm – 7pm**

Members and Non-Members are all welcome!

AND THE WINNER IS...

**GEORGE RIVARD
of Moline, IL**

Congratulations to our HAHS raffle winner!

MUSEUM HOURS

MAIN STREET MUSEUM

190 S. Main, Herscher

Open Fridays 9-11 AM and
the First Sunday of Each Month 1-3 PM

ANDERSON HOUSE

161 W. Myrtle, Herscher

Open the First Sunday of Each
Month 1-3 PM

LABOR DAY HOURS:

Sunday, September 1 and Monday, September 2
1-3 PM (both museums)

Museum Board Meetings take place at the Anderson House on the Fourth Monday of each month at 5:30pm. Exceptions will be posted at 190 S. Main and on our website at herscherhistory.org. All members are welcome to attend.

Call the Museum at 815-426-2627 to visit the museums at a time convenient for you.

Email: herscherareahistory@gmail.com **Website:** herscherhistory.org

See last page of newsletter for additional contact information

GERTRUDE BUCK HOWE'S LIFE STORY

by Debra Weerts



While delivering Meals on Wheels a few weeks ago to Gert, she was looking forward to celebrating her 100th birthday with family and friends. Her daughters had planned a tea party in her honor. I asked if I could possibly interview her for HAHS a week or two later. She said, "Well, I should still be around by then!" Her beautiful smile and great sense of humor told me she had a wonderful story to tell.

Gertrude was born on June 13, 1924, to parents Frank and Alice Buck. She was the sixth of nine children, having three brothers and five sisters. One brother died at only three months old due to an accident. Her parents were in their horse and buggy when some teenagers driving a Model-T Ford created such a racket that their horse got spooked and her brother was thrown from his mother's arms. Gert is the only remaining sibling, though most of her family lived into their 80s and 90s. Good genes run in her family!

While growing up Gert's family moved around a lot, renting farms in Chebanse, IL and Grant Park, IL to make a living. She was born on a farm in Chebanse and everyone helped out with the farm chores. If they went anywhere, especially to church, they knew they had to behave. This meant no interrupting and "be quiet." She never remembers her dad raising his voice, but her mother was quite the disciplinarian. Her mother sewed all their clothes. Each girl got three new dresses when school started, but everything else they wore was hand-me-downs.

Her first two years of school were in Chebanse, and then they moved to Grant Park where she attended Price School for grades three through eight. Gert remembers walking to school each day with her siblings unless the weather was extremely cold. Then their father would take them in his wagon. Her brothers and sisters would wrap their scarves around her because she was the youngest and they wanted to keep her warm. Both were country schools, being taught by the same teacher. Gert said she learned a lot by listening in to the older kids' lessons. Classes were small - sometimes two or three kids - because all eight levels were in the same room.

During the Great Depression they lived on a farm so they always had food to eat. They grew a garden and did a lot of canning. Cows and chickens provided them with meat to eat. Her father had some money deposited in a Chebanse bank which failed and they lost everything. They received food stamps for the items they couldn't raise but when the stamps were gone, you couldn't get any more food.

During Gert's teenage years she worked even harder on the farm when her older brothers went away to serve in World War II. One of her sisters had scarlet fever and the whole family was quarantined to the house for "quite a while." Her sister was in bed for a whole year.

At the age of 18 Gert moved to Chicago, IL to work as a cook in the kitchen of the International Harvester plant and lived with her aunt. At age 20 she moved to Owasso, MI to work at the Redmond Company making small motors. There she lived with her older sister, Lorretta.

She met her husband, Orville E. Howe, at the Redmond Company when she was 24. His parents were Orville and Ruth Howe. They were married in 1948. They had two girls while living in Michigan: Cheryl (Max) Walker and Becky Alford. Gert has one granddaughter, Brandi (Jay) Strasser and one great-grandson, Zachary (Natalia) Constant. While sharing photos, it's obvious her family means so much to her.

In 1953, Gert, Orville, and the girls moved back to the Kankakee area and settled along Route 17 in Limestone. Gert stayed home to raise her girls when they were little and did a lot of sewing for them and their dolls. When Becky, the youngest, began high school Gert became the head cook at Limestone Grade School. She said it was a hard, HOT job. They “really cooked” back in those days and everything was made from scratch. The kids loved their fried chicken, spaghetti, and cakes. Interestingly, she said the special education children were the most appreciative—always saying please and thank you. A funny story...one parent contacted Gert because her son told her he was given a raw egg for lunch. Gert explained that it was a peach half turned upside down. They both had a good laugh over that! Reflecting back “on the good old days” Gert said it was much more relaxing. Everyone is in such a hurry nowadays. She also misses the big family reunions - including aunts, uncles, and cousins. Toys were scarce but kids knew how to make their own fun.

Some memories were not so good. One was having to use the outhouse. Enough said. Another was having to get corn cobs from the shed to burn in the kitchen stove for cooking and heating. Mice were always there to greet her. When Gert’s family lived in Grant Park, money was very scarce, and her mother would bake goodies to sell to the “rich” people that came down from Chicago on the highway. They’d stop by the house one week to order their baked goods and/or chickens and the next week they’d come back to pick up their order. Sometimes they wouldn’t order the chicken ahead and her mother would have to catch one, butcher it, pluck its feathers, and dress it right away! The kids never got to sample the goodies unless something didn’t turn out right.



Since they were so poor, no gifts magically appeared at Christmas. However, her mother would make all kinds of candy, popcorn balls, etc. to their delight. If they really needed new shoes, they too would appear with the candy. Gert remembers getting a doll from her aunt but her sisters did not. They were a bit jealous, but Gert shared her doll with them and that doll received lots of love...so much that she became worn out.

Orville and Gert would take the girls each year to the Herscher Labor Day Parade, and afterward enjoyed the chicken dinners and festivities in the park.

Gert is a lifelong Catholic. When Orville died in 1987 it was this faith that sustained her. In 1988 she moved from Route 17 to a house on Second Street in Herscher. It was then that she first began driving a car. In 2005 she moved to the Herscher Townhouses. She’s enjoyed meeting new friends since she moved to town and also did many years of babysitting.

Do you have any words to live by? “Be happy! Be friendly! Be kind! Oh yes, and don’t stir up any trouble with the neighbors!” (See what I mean about her sense of humor?)

Along with the help of her daughter Becky who now lives with her, Gert is still managing to enjoy life...her family, her friends, and her puzzles. At her 100th birthday celebration she received 13 new ones (500-2000 pieces). Given her passion for puzzles, she’ll probably have them done in no time. What an amazing lady!

MAGDLEN (MAGGIE) NOFFKE

by Maggie Noffke and Carol Desch



I was raised in Victoria, Texas with three brothers and one sister in a four-room house that Mom and Dad built, as Dad was a carpenter. We had no electricity, no running water, and therefore, no indoor plumbing. We got electricity and water in the house as they could afford it. What a joy it was not to carry water in for everything. The laundry was done in wash tubs with a wash board (I still have them). My parents came from farms and knew about hard work, saving, and using what we had or could get by with. We never thought we were poor or deprived, as we had food, home, clothing, and family.

Holidays were no big deal with no Christmas tree or decorations. Boughten toys were rare, but we didn't mind, as we made our own and with our imagination. What could be better? Of course, no TV. There was always a Christmas program at church. When you were old enough you got to start out as an angel in the program, something we looked forward to.

Easter was a time for dressing up in new clothes, mostly made by mom. She did a lot of sewing for us kids. I was 13 years old when I had my first store-bought dress, purchased with money I saved from babysitting and cleaning houses. At 13, one could get a Social Security number, so I went to work at a 5 & 10 cent store. I worked on Saturday and after school for \$3.00 a day. I thought I was rich. That \$3.00 bought most of what I needed for school. I didn't need to rely on mom for money. Then, for more money I went to work at a movie theater, working at the concession stand.

One of my good friends introduced me to Edward Noffke. I was 16 at the time. There was an Air Force base in Victoria, and Ed was stationed there at the time. He was going to my friend's church. She felt sorry for the guys and invited them home. With mom and dad's permission, Ed and I were together as much as possible for about three weeks. He asked me to marry him and then was shipped out to France. I wanted to finish school. We wrote many letters to each other. Ed's parents were in bad health, so he had to come back and take care of them. I finished school and a few days later Ed picked me up from work and the next day we were married and heading to Union Hill, Illinois. It was a foreign country to me. We lived with his mom until we were able to purchase the property next door. It was an old house that we gutted and remodeled. That was a lot of work, but it was nice to have our own home to enjoy with our two boys, who were just toddlers.

Ed worked for Union Hill Implement but wanted to do more specialized work. He then went to work for Nate's Electric and later Roy Christopher in Herscher. At that time, we moved from Union Hill to the Lubeck Apple Orchard, then to five acres in Herscher. When Roy retired, we bought the business and started Herscher Auto Service. Our next move was into Herscher.

Ed saw the need for automobile parts as we had to go to Kankakee to get what was needed. The old tabletop manufacturing place on Main Street was available. We bought that and started a parts store in front and service in back. Yes, we are still there. At that time, Herscher had two gas stations with repair service and a number of independent mechanics in the area. With changing times, we have diverted to small engines sales and service and extended to Kankakee as All-Power Equipment and Service, our second location on Route 17. Technology and the internet have changed business, making it difficult to operate. Parts, equipment, and employees are all harder to get.

I have been blessed with a wonderful, helpful family. Most of them are now working or have worked in the business. Chuck started a lawn maintaining business after he got out of school and now manages Noffke Lawn &



*Maggie with great granddaughters
at HAHS Mad Hatter Event*

Landscaping, the Auto parts business and All Power Equipment. He works along with my two granddaughters, Renee and Laurin, and Grandson Alex. I am still on duty most days as well. We all make a good team working to get people what they need. It makes for a busy time, but I enjoy most of the people we deal with and hope we bless them. Brian, now retired, became a teacher at Herscher High School and is now enjoying three grandchildren. His wife is the director of the Limestone Township Library. Their sons, Danial and Gabriel, are both in the computer “tech” business, which is difficult to describe accurately, and daughter Elaine is married with two small children.

When asked some things I do not miss, I answered outdoor plumbing and carrying water first come to mind. Life has not been all work. Some memories of Herscher are seeing many people on Labor Day, as well as working on making the floats. That was fun. Everyone helped where needed as it was a big part of what the celebration was about, not politics. Hendrix chicken was a treat not just on Labor Day but was served at many fundraisers. Church picnics in the park and ball games are also a special memory.



Maggie was married to Ed Noffke for 57 years. The love of her life, who brought her to Illinois, passed away in 2016. Their family includes: two sons, Brian and Charles (Chuck); six grandchildren, Danial, Gabriel, and Elaine (children of Brian and Lynn) and Renee, Lauren, and Alex (children of Charles and Barbara); five great grandchildren.

Words to Live By --- Love the Lord God because He has loved you!

I may occasionally complain, but the Lord God is my life; without him life is meaningless. He has blessed me.

Editor's note:

Maggie and family have been especially faithful members of Herscher Area Historical Society from its beginning, not only as members but also by helping when needed in the way of landscaping, snow removal, monetary and in-kind donations, volunteering time, and attending events.

SHARE YOUR STORY WITH US

Our readers enjoy learning the history of others. Do you know someone we should interview? Call the Main Street Museum at 815-426-2627 and leave your name, phone number, and a convenient time to call you and we will return your call within a few days.

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Your legacy is important to us and our community. Please remember the Herscher Area Historical Society in your final wishes and estate planning. Your gift will ensure that the work of capturing and preserving the history of Herscher and County West continues for future generations. If you have questions, please contact the museum at 815-426-2627 and we will direct you to our legal advisor.



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SUPPLEMENTAL NEWSLETTER #20

SEPTEMBER 2024

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HERSCHER 1885 – 1889

by Bob Voss

Supplemental Newsletter 19 was the newspaper clippings from 1880-1884. This newsletter is a continuation after 1884. One again these clippings are from Jim Riding. I hope you find them interesting.

5/5/1885

The village board held a special meeting last night and granted a license to Bill Bedeaux to keep a dram shop. No other license has yet been granted.

(Apparently no license was granted)

At the recent election, three new trustees were elected and one reelected. John Herscher's resignation and Frank Grosse's removal caused the vacancies. The board now stands as follows: John Wheeler, president and Henry Amidon, Philip Vollman, Edwin Stowits, Joel Menard, and Robert Wright trustees; Frank Whittum, clerk; Fred Herscher, police justice; L. Herbst, constable; and Peter Spies, street commissioner.

A large number of the villagers and residents of the surrounding country went to Cabery on Sunday afternoon to view the remains of the fire. It was a sad sight. The value of the property destroyed will aggregate \$750,000 dollars, we are told. On all sides we her expressions of great sympathy for the unfortunate.

(Most of Cabery's downtown area burned on May 3, 1885)

John Herscher is in quite poor health at the present we are sorry to hear.

• 5/14/1885

The funeral services of the late John Herscher were held on Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church and were attended by a very large concourse of relatives and friends numbering fully seven hundred. Through the kindness of Superintendent Jeffery and Brisbie, a special train of two coaches was run out from Kankakee by Conductor Wells bringing friends and acquaintances from that place and intermediate stations. While the body lay at the residence, it was viewed by many. A procession was then formed headed by the Herscher band playing Webster's Funeral March, which proceeded on foot to the church, the coffin being borne by Kankakee hearst. The bearers were Messrs. Azariah Buck, Louis Merrill, Henry Amidon, Philip Karcher, J.H. Lee and Jacob Diefenbach.

The following is the obituary of John Herscher.

A Newspaper Report of the Death of John Herscher



It is with deep sorrow that we record the death of Mr. John Herscher, at his residence in the village bearing his name, on the morning of May 7th (1885). He was born in Alsace, on the upper Rhine, on the 24th day of May, 1842. With relatives, he emigrated to this country in the Spring of 1851, residing about three years in Wayne County, New York State. He removed to Illinois, spending about a year on the DesPlaines River, near Chicago, then came to Pilot Township, and on May 2nd, 1855, settled in the northern part of it. He was confirmed a member of the Lutheran church in the Spring of 1862.

In response to the last call for soldiers, during the late war of the rebellion, he enlisted in the 156 regiment of Ill. Vols., and served until the close of the war. An older brother of his having given his life to this country in that great conflict. He returned to his farm in Pilot in 1865. On November 25th, 1868, he was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Weseman. On account of ill health he spent two years in Chicago receiving medical treatment, then about a year in Kankakee.

He took a lively interest in the building of the Southwestern branch of the Illinois Central Railroad, and secured the location on this line, on his land, of a station which now bears his family name, and will hand down his memory to coming generations. Mr. Herscher was a good citizen, loyal to his country, true to his political convictions, upright and prudent in the management of his business, a good neighbor, a faithful and loving husband. He has long been a sufferer from an insidious and painful disease, and often to his wife expressed a wish for the end, when only he hoped for relief. At daybreak, on Thursday last, he passed away from earth, and on the Sabbath morning following, two years to a day from the time he entered the beautiful home built for his family residence, his body was borne out by his old neighbors to its last resting place. He had no children. His widow and a large circle of relatives mourn his loss. From neighbors, old companions and friends comes the last farewell. Peace to his memory.



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The Rev. Elwin R. Davis, of Chicago, preached the funeral sermon, from the text found in the gospel of John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth and the life". His remarks were full of counsel and advice, and were very good. It was quite fitting and proper that Mr. Davis should be selected to conduct the services, as he organized the church here and worked faithfully for the neat church edifice, in which he was ably assisted by the deceased, who donated the lot on which it stands, and gave generously otherwise.

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The remains were taken to the German Lutheran Cemetery, located on the North Town Line, where the bodies of his mother and a sister now lie. The floral offerings consisted of bouquets, a heart, and a pillow with the word "Uncle" arranged with pansies on a white and green background, were very fine. The pillow was brought from Chicago by a niece who hearing of her uncle's sickness came unexpectedly on the Thursday noon train. She had not heard of his death, and when she entered the house, she said, "Oh! Aunty, where's Uncle John, see I've brought him some flowers." But he was gone.

In his relations with the business men and farmers as a grain dealer, John Herscher was very well liked indeed. He made many friends, and the esteem in which he was held by the citizens of this place is shown by the following resolutions which were read at the close of the funeral sermon.

Whereas: The ever-ruling power has seen fit to take from among us by death our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. John Herscher, and

Whereas: By his death the town and community sustain a great loss in their business interests: society an honest, upright man; his family a kind husband and generous provider, therefore be it

Resolved, That we the citizens of Herscher extend to the bereaved friends our heartfelt sympathy.

- 12/2/1885

We are told that the trustees have decided to erect a water works tank, etc. and will commence boring for aqua pura right away. It is a good thing.

A flag trimmed with mourning colors was hanging across Main street on Saturday in respect to the dead vice president. The post office building was also in mourning.
(The vice president was Thomas A. Hendricks who died on Nov. 25, 1885. Grover Cleveland was president at that time.)

We congratulate Mr. Henry Amidon upon his recent appointment as postmaster. We thought the change was only a question of time. Mr. Amidon intends placing it in the Lockwood's store room.

(Henry was postmaster until 1889)

- 12/10/1885

The Christmas goods displayed in the drug store make a good appearance.

Quite a number of persons are on the sick list and Dr. VanDoren has been overworked for a few days

- 8/11/1887

CHURCH DEDICATED

As it was announced to be so it was. The M.E. church in Herscher was dedicated Aug. 7. The attendance was good and our expectations were fully met. We had Revs. Dennis, of Gilman, and Taylor, of South Kankakee. We had three excellent sermons during the day and evening, at which \$354 was subscribed and this with what subscription we had already was sufficient to lift all indebtedness. The trustees, J. Bowlby, J. Vickars, G. Wilcox and Mrs. Bowly and Mrs. Amidon appeared before the altar t 1:30 p.m. and Mr. Vickars presented the house to Rev. Mr. Taylor and it was formally dedicated to the service of God. To the trustees and friends who have done their part so grandly we desire as pastor, in this public way to express thanks.

J.H. Hobbs, Pastor

(M.E. stands for Methodist Episcopal and the church was located at 190 S. Main, the location of the Herscher Area Historical Society)

- 2/14/1889

We were informed that Miss Lena Meling died with consumption yesterday. This is the fifth child Mr. Meling has lost with this disease.

(Lena Meling is actually Lina Meleng who is buried at the Milks Grove Cemetery)

A Martha Washington supper will be given at Swigert's Hall, Fed. 22, to which all are cordially invited. Proceeds for the benefit of the W.C.T.U. society.

(The location of Swigert's Hall is not known and W.C.T.U. stands for Women's Christian Temperance Union)

James Bowlby is arranging his building for hotel purposes and expects to hang out his shingle in a few days. A hotel is one of our most earnest needs. Mr. and Mrs. Bowlby

will spare no pains in making their house comfortable and attractive and we wish them success.

(This building was located on Kankakee Ave.)

Some considerable excitement was caused by a fire to Simon Miller's barn last Friday evening, caused by a lantern being overturned by his boy while doing his chores.

Some prompt work extinguished the flames before much damage was done. Moral – Boys do your chores before dark.

- June 27, 1889

The American Express safe in the depot at this place was blown open Wednesday night and rifled of its contents. The thieves secured between \$50 and \$60 in money, two bunches of tickets and two notes which the express company held for collection. It has been learned since that four strangers were seen late that night hanging around town but no watch was placed on them and they were undoubtedly the parties that did the work. No description could be learned of the parties that was seen sufficient to give much of a clue to their detection. No trace of them has been found as yet.

- November 7, 1889

Farrington & Stevens will move their livery barn, which they are erecting about seventy-five feet west of where they commenced to build, on account of endangering the rows of store buildings adjoining, thereby raising the insurance to a very high figure.

(This one is a mystery. This is the first time that Farrington & Stevens has showed up anywhere. They may have been the first builders of the livery that was where the old Lockwood Chevrolet building is located.)

The old story "He didn't know it was loaded" came near adding another victim today to the long list. Fran Lowery, one of J.C. Burke's men, was in Munger Y Seroy's hardware store and asked to see revolver which was laying on the counter. Mr. Munger took up the gun and commenced to snap it to show how nicely it worked, when Bang! It went, missing Mr. Lowry's head by a few inches, smashing a lamp chimney and burying the ball in the ceiling. It seems the revolver had been lent and returned two chambers loaded. As inexperienced as we are we would as soon think of shaking the tail of a mule and not expect to him loaded as to trifle with a pistol, and we are thoroughly surprised at such reckless on the part of an old veteran.

- November 28, 1889

Mr. Dick, a jewelry man, of Kankakee has located in VanDoren & James drug store. Mr. Dick comes to us highly recommended both as a young man of excellent character and proficient in his calling. Give him your patronage and help to maintain the business in our town.

(This was on the west side of Main St.)

The town of Herscher is growing quickly in the 1880's and I hope you enjoyed reading these clippings. If you have any comments, you can contact me at robertlvoss@aol.com.