



G.H.S. Expands Facilities by Lisa Stout, President

I am pleased to report that we have signed all the papers to purchase the building at 101 E. Main. This building will provide us with a lot of possibilities and opportunities: additional storage space (we can get the display case out of the bathroom), a meeting room area, an area for future exhibit preparation and a lot more.

We are applying for a grant to restore the outside facade to its original look as the State Bank of Greentown. Because

this is a matching grant, we will have to match each dollar that we receive. You will probably have noticed that the aluminum awnings and the fabric awnings have been removed, thanks to Dwight Schaaf and Dwayne Schaaf. This is the start of the restoration.

There are many projects that need to be done in order to get the building ready for public use. The bathrooms need to be remodeled; fixtures and floor tiles have been do-

nated by Barbara Middleton. Some of the carpet will have to be removed and new floors installed. Painting will be done, and some cracks and chips in the walls need to be repaired. Vertical blinds for the front windows will help save on the fuel bills, and they are ordered.

I am really excited about acquiring this building and hope that with your help and support we can continue to grow and be an asset to the community.

GHS Calendar

- Jun 24 last day of Churches Exhibit
- Jul 9-15 Howard Co. Fair
- Jul 11 "Seegar Sisters Reunion" play at the fair
- Jul 15 1:30 "Seegar Sisters Reunion" play at the Sieberling
- Aug 4 Seegar Sisters exhibit opens
- Aug 3 6:00, Sept 1 2:00 "Seegar Sisters Reunion" play at the History Center
- Aug 11 Community Fest
- Oct 1 6:30 Seegar play at Kokomo Library



Photo of Sara Seegar

The Seegar Sisters exhibit is provided with support from the Tippecanoe Arts Federation, the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.



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Books Needed

The Community Fest will be Saturday, August 11. We will have our annual book sale that day in the old bank building and out on the sidewalk on the southeast corner of Main and Meridian. Bring your books that morning or call Jean for delivery at 628-7674.

Fair Parking

George Howell at Greentown Implement and Mick Ortman at Greentown Grain have agreed to let us use their parking lots to park cars again this year during fair week. This was an excellent fund raiser last year, and we hope to do well again this year. Rain or shine we will have mud-free parking. The fee to park is \$2.00.

We can't do this without your help. We will be needing several volunteers each evening to make this work. If you can volunteer a few hours, call Ron Simpson 628-7674 or Sally Imbler 628-7174 or The History Center by phone 628-3800 or email : greentownhistory@insightbb.com .

4-H Fair Tent

The Howard County 4-H Fair is scheduled for July 9-15. We are sharing the tent again this year with the Howard County Alliance group. Our Historical Society will only be

responsible for two nights, but our brochures will be at the tent all week. This gives us great exposure with the minimum amount of volunteers. The tentative schedule and entertainment are as follows:

Monday, July 9—Genealogical Society hosts.

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Koh-Koh-Mah Foster—Bob Auth

Tuesday, July 10—Greentown Historical Society and Sons of the Civil War Union Veterans will host.

Dulcimer Club 6:30 PM

Wednesday, July 11—Greentown Historical Society hosts.

The "Seegar Sisters Reunion" one-act play at 6:30 PM

Thursday, July 12—D.A.R. and C.A.R. will host.

Pioneer Games

Friday, July 13—Automotive Heritage Museum and Elwood Haynes Museum host.

Saturday, July 14—HCHS hosts.

35th Anniversary of Saving the Seiberling and Howard County Preservation Efforts.

Music by Stew Lauterbach and friends

They will be serving free cake and passing out "buy one get one free" passes to the museum.

Also in the tent all week will be John Vettel with his foot powered lathe and the artifact sandbox.

Plan to stop by the tent during your visit to the fair.

Thank You to Our Loyal Docents

Many thanks to our docents in the History Center during the month of June: Lisa Stout, Sally Imbler, Janalyce Hatton, Max Kingseed, Karen Swan, Ellen Cranor, and Jean Simpson. Volunteering as a docent is a great way to get acquainted with the current exhibit and talk about local history with visitors. We also have internet access that we encourage our docents and visitors to use.

Rummage Sale Results

We extend our thanks to the following volunteers who helped make our rummage sale such a success, a grand total of \$951, as well as all of the contributors: Angie Sparks, Nancy Echelbarger, Sally Imbler, Barbara Middleton, Lisa Stout, Charlotte Agness, Sue Flook, and Shirley Howell. And special thanks to Ron and Jean Simpson for the use of their new garage.

Great Finds in Small Items

Several months ago a friend, Craig Trott, was going through some boxes of things left to him by his grandfather, E. E. Trott, who used to own a grocery store in Greentown.

He came across a tally book for my grandfather, Virgil Turner, from November 28, 1940, to December 28, 1940.

Back then it was a common practice to charge your purchases and pay as you could each month. This small book was a fascinating look into the lives of my grandparents and their children, my mother Kathleen and her sister Mary, during that time.

The month of November ended with a balance of \$22.33. Grandpa paid \$15.00 toward his bill leaving a balance of \$7.33 and then charged his groceries for that day. His purchases included:

Corn Meal	.10
M Ham	.10
Bananas	.05
F. N. Soap	.05
Jewell	.19
Flour	.20
Sugar	.27

Lima Beans	.15
Tobacco	.25

The purchases for the rest of the month were recorded on the pages of that little book, and my grandmother's cooking habits were revealed. They ate lots of lima beans and cornbread. Bananas were purchased regularly as were coffee, eggs and apples.

Trips to the grocery were made almost every day. This led me to realize that they did not have the storage capacity or ability to keep things fresh that we have today.

One of the most memorable items that I found was the purchase of \$0.35 worth of candy that was made on December 24, 1940. I asked my mother about this, and

she remembers getting a stocking with candy in it for Christmas that year. It was a real treat and the only Christmas present that she and her sister received. She was twelve that year and my aunt was nine.

I will be forever grateful to my friend Craig for giving me this glimpse into the lives of my grandparents and their children.

Submitted by
Joyce Higginbottom

E.E. Trott Groceries, 1928
Left to right: Emery Trott, Myrtle Trott, and Blanchard Trott (Emery's brother, a store clerk). Located at approximately 110 E. Main Street, Greentown. Photo to donor: Craig Trott



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Future Medical Exhibit

Information and loaned artifacts are now being accepted for the "Doctors, Dentists and Veterinarians of Eastern Howard County" exhibit to open in March 2008. If you have something of interest relating to this subject we would like to hear from you. If you have a story to tell about a visit to the doctor, we would like to hear from you. Did your doctor ever make a house call? Did your mother have a special home remedy for what ailed you? Call Lisa at 765-610-8461 or 628-3800 and leave a message. Or send us an email at greentownhistory@insightbb.com.

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