

NEWSLETTER

March 2012

Millburn of Old Mill Creek

H.M.C.A., INC.
38757 N. US Highway 45
Old Mill Creek, IL 60046

Historic Millburn Community Association, Inc.

**THE 2012
MEMBERSHIP
DRIVE HAS
BEGUN.
PLEASE RENEW
YOURS NOW.**

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK SUPPER

APRIL 4TH AT 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4TH, 6:00 PM

Come one, come all. The annual meeting and potluck supper will be held Wednesday, April 4th, at 6:00 p.m. in Lauren Hall (Millburn Church). Please bring a dish to pass. Encourage your friends to join our historical society and bring them along! Enjoy a presentation by Diana Dretske in our continuing Civil War series. Drawn from Civil War era letters in the Lake County Discovery Museum's collections, this presentation explores correspondence to and from soldiers, and the sentiments revealed within.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

MONDAY, MAY 28TH, 2:00 PM

Mark your calendars. The Memorial Day Service at Millburn Cemetery is scheduled for Monday, May 28, 2012, at 2:00 PM. Bring a lawn chair, if needed, and flowers to place on veterans' graves. Cookies and lemonade will be provided after the service.



Richard Pantall, Proprietor and Postmaster



Richard and Charlotte Pantall (about 1914)



Edward Martin (about 1890)

Richard Pantall, a cobbler by trade, opened this general store in 1862. From 1864–1904, the store was also the Millburn Post Office, with Pantall serving as postmaster. The Pantalls' foster child, Edward Martin, ran the store from 1910–1960.

Charlotte Galloway Pantall was a descendant of John Quincy Adams!



You could buy gas for your car at Martin's Store in Millburn in 1956!



Edward Alfred Martin (about 1945)

MUSEUM HOURS

Martin's General Store Museum will reopen on Sunday, May 13th. We will be open on the second Sunday of the month (excluding holiday weekends) from 12:30–4:00 p.m. through November 11th, provided that there are volunteers to staff the museum. We need volunteers. Please consider volunteering to sit in the museum once or twice this season. There will be a volunteer orientation on Sunday, May 13th, at 3:00 p.m. at the museum. If you are unable to attend the orientation, but are willing to volunteer at the museum, please call Jennifer Andrew at 847-828-3737 or e-mail jennifer.andrew@me.com. There will be sign-up sheets for volunteers at the Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper on April 4th.

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

Like most small historical societies in the Lake County area, we are having a difficult time making ends meet. Our basic operating expenses (heat, electricity, postage, etc.) have increased while our annual membership has decreased. Unfortunately, our expenses in 2011 exceeded our income. In order to cover our basic operating expenses for 2012, we have increased our annual and lifetime membership

dues. We have only had one dues increase in the last 15 years. We hope you will continue to support the Historic Millburn Community Association, Inc. with your continued membership. Encourage friends and relatives to join. We need to increase our membership. If you have any suggestions, please let us know!

ELECTIONS 2012

Each year the membership elects four directors to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors. The terms of the Board members marked with an asterisk (*) are expiring. Nominations are welcome from the membership.

- Jennifer Andrew
- Laurie Dolan
- Mike Dolan*
- Patrick Lamb
- Shirley Paddock*
- Thomas Steffenburg*
- Joan Stewart*
- Ruth White

IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS

We welcome fundraising ideas and program suggestions. Are you interested in organizing a fundraiser or sponsoring a program for the membership? Please contact us and let us know. We need your help! It takes a village!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2011 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND HELP US RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS FOR 2012

LIFE MEMBERS

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 FAMILY
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 MR. AND MRS. FRED FETTINGER
 III
 SENATOR ADELINE J. GEO-KARIS
 RILLA MONROE
 KAREN RABE
 MR. DOUGLAS STILES

*While we work hard to maintain accurate membership records, we apologize in advance for any errors. Please provide a copy of your cancelled check if you feel we have omitted your name here for 2011. Thank you!

ANNUAL MEMBERS

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 MR. AND MRS. BRUCE CHURCH
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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Fill in this form and mail it with a check payable to HMCA, Inc.

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Name: _____

E-mail: _____

[We would prefer communicating via e-mail if possible.]

Address: _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone: _____

Membership Levels

I've (We've) enclosed \$_____ to be applied toward:

_____ Individual annual dues (\$20)

_____ Household annual dues (\$35)

_____ Individual lifetime membership* (\$200)

_____ Household lifetime membership* (\$350)

_____ Donation for _____

_____ My company will send a matching gift.

- The name(s) of Lifetime Members are engraved on a brass nameplate on our display of lifetime members in the museum.

Museum Volunteer:

_____ I (We) will be able to volunteer in the museum on a Sunday afternoon from 12:30 – 4 in the Month of _____.

(May–November) We will call you to schedule a specific date.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Date Preferred: _____



Your membership dues pay for:

- heat & electricity
- taxes
- insurance
- maintenance
- communications
- postage
- events
- speakers
- office supplies
- Website

Members are invited to the annual 4th of July barbecue and fireworks display!

Millburn Merchants and Masons

GENERAL STORES AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Millburn once had three or four stores, a few doctors, a dentist, a real estate dealer, an insurance company, a tailor, a lawyer, three carpenters, two barbers, a shoe shop, a tinsmith, a few mills, a milk and butter refinery, and an undertaker. William Buffham, an optician and builder of reflective telescopes and microscopes, lived just south of town.

The Millburn Mutual Insurance Company, the oldest mutual company in Illinois, was formed in 1855 and enjoyed a long, respectable history. The company celebrated its 125th anniversary before merging with another company sometime thereafter.

Business thrived in the Robert Strang store (established 1856) during the

Civil War days because general stores were not common. Farmers brought in eggs and butter to be traded for cotton goods, dishes, lamps, and staple groceries sold in the store. Son John M. Strang took over after his father's retirement and operated his store from 1872–1910.

At the age of 14, Edward Martin, an orphan, came to live with Richard and Charlotte Pantall. (The couple had previously adopted his sister, Harriet. He worked in the Pantall's general store (established 1862) for twenty years. Upon Richard Pantall's retirement in 1910, Edward Martin operated Martin's General Store for almost 50 years.

The Antioch Masonic Lodge No. 127, was founded in 1853 and moved to Millburn 16 years later. Meetings were held in Hughes Hall before the Masons purchased the William H. Strang store in 1888 for \$850. In 1940, the name was changed to Millburn Lodge. The Wm. Strang building was replaced by the current Masonic Lodge in 1955.

Several fraternal organizations flourished during Millburn's early years. Hughes Hall, previously located on the southeast corner Route 45 and Millburn Road, was used alternately by the Modern Woodmen, Foresters, and Masons. Hughes Hall was also used as a village theater where local talent performed plays. It was eventually dismantled and moved to Lake Villa.



The Masons bought this building, the William Strang Store, in 1885 and used it for their lodge.



George Legg Stewart, Partner of Wm. Strang

National Register of Historic Places



Two of the eighteen structures in the Millburn Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, are adjoined. The Robert Strang Store (right, b.1856) and the John M. Strang Residence (left, ca. 1880) are pictured in this photo taken about 1875. Pictured from left to right are Mrs. Robert Strang (at gate), her son John M. Strang, an unidentified boy, and Mr. Robert Strang.

The Millburn Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is comprised of 18 structures. Structures 2 and 3 (pictured here) are adjoined. The Robert Strang Store (right) was built in 1856 and is one of the oldest two-story brick buildings in Lake County. The J.M. Strang sign in this photo taken about 1875 refers to John Monteath Strang, son of Robert and Jessie Monteath Strang, who took over the store in 1872. John and his wife Mary Jane Wedge Strang (Janie) had no children. They added the two-story brick early Queen Anne-style residence attached to the original store in about 1880. John retired in 1910. In 1930, he died and was buried in Pasadena, California.

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