

INTEREST SHEET

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Active or Inactive Profession _____

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Program and Social Development

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Membership

- ☐ Working on membership drives

Ways and Means

- ☐ Fund Raising

Public Relations

- ☐ Art
- ☐ Scrapbooks
- ☐ Posters and signs
- ☐ Publicity stories
- ☐ Interview older residents
- ☐ Articles on Bloomingdale

History and Acquisitions

- ☐ Research
- ☐ Writing
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Refinishing Furniture
- ☐ Sewing
- ☐ Locating and acquiring old books, etc.

Education

- ☐ Correlate Exhibits
- ☐ Preparing lesson plans
- ☐ Teaching historical units

Miscellaneous

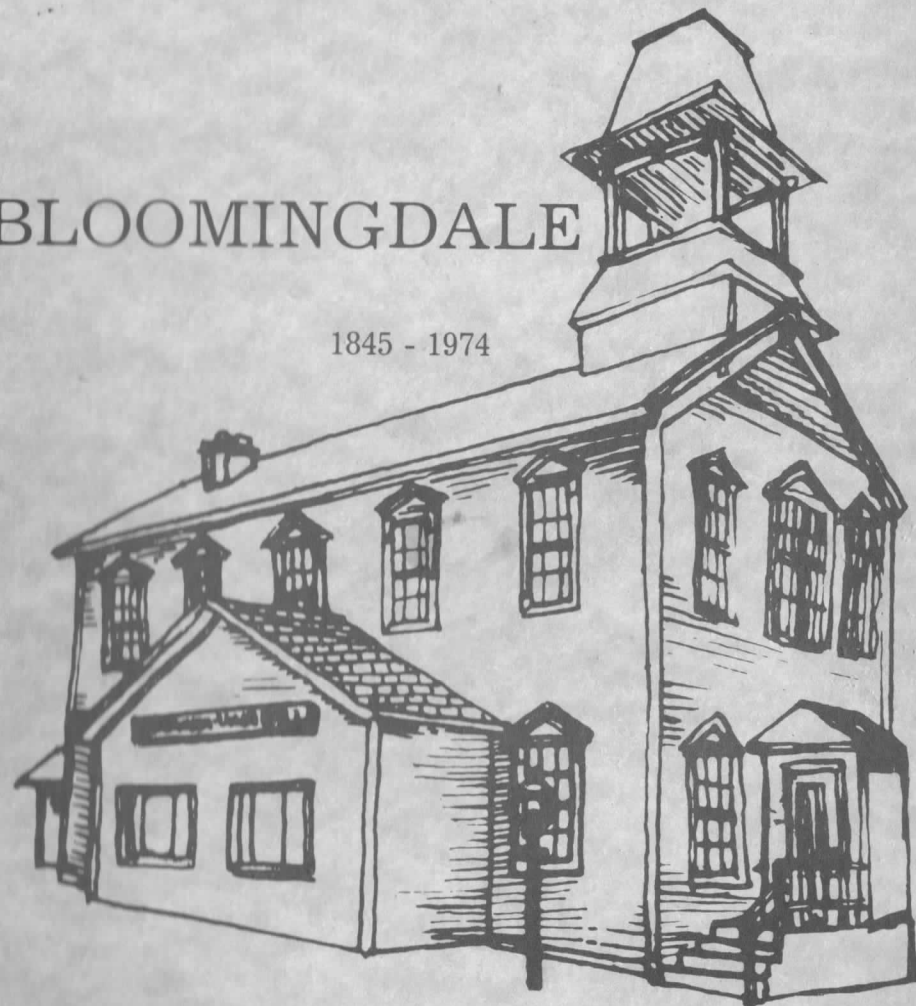
- ☐ Correspondence
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Suggestions: _____

Special hobby, interest, or talent which you could share: _____

BLOOMINGDALE

1845 - 1974



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Welcome to Septemberfest ~~1974~~ 1975

We hope that you—like most of those who have worked hard to make this a memorable occasion—discover in this experience some of the values that made life in the old days fulfilling.

Scoffers will say that the old times were hard times. It is true that transportation was slow, but the driver didn't have to be in the Loop by nine a.m. everyday. A man had to draw his water from a well a bucket at a time, but he didn't have to water a newly sodded lawn. A woman made her clothes from homespun, but she wasn't preparing for a style show. The hard times were hard only by today's standards.

It is in the early residents' buildings, tools, and crafts that we see the sources of joy and satisfaction in the "good old days." Those sources were togetherness, helpfulness, hard work, creativity, and simplicity. People helped one another with chores and worked together at "bees." The Town Hall was responsive to the people because it *was* the people. And the creativity of our predecessors was the more soul-satisfying because the materials for their crafts and cooking came directly from God's good earth instead of K-Mart or the A & P.

This is really what Septemberfest is all about. It is a celebration of man, in God's image, working, creating, and rejoicing in the natural fruits of his labors.

HISTORY OF BLOOMINGDALE

The Meacham brothers, Silas, Harve and Lyman, pioneered the area that was to take their name in the winter of 1833. On March 11 of that year the brothers crossed the newly blazed Army Trail Road to settle an area called Penneak by the local Indians. The Meachams started farming 1200 acres the first spring. This first year was bad. A wife of one of the brothers died and was buried on the farm in a coffin made from the floor boards of their wagon. Meacham's Grove covered the area that was later settled as Bloomingdale, Roselle and east Medinah.

Bloomingdale took its name from the Meacham's hometown in New England. In 1845 Bloomingdale was the third town to be platted in the newly founded DuPage County. Until 1839 this had been the western portion of Cook County. The new County had two seats at this time; first in Naperville, and then due to the efforts of a few men (and a midnight raid on the County office) to Wheaton.

Bloomingdale was at the crossroads of commerce as early as 1836. Lake Trail, an old Indian path, and the Chicago-Galena Highway ran through the town. Teams of oxen and log scrapers were commissioned by the State to widen the Chicago-Galena Highway, giving final recognition of its importance to travel within the State. Bloomingdale was established as a rest stop for the stage coach that followed the main highway giving rise to several hotels and inns that were built to serve the public.

The first church to be built in town was established in 1849 by the Baptist Congregation at the corner of Franklin and Bloomingdale Roads. Within a few years the

worshippers grew too numerous and built a second church on Lake Street. The original building was purchased by the Village in 1855 for use as a school house. This structure stands today, in use as the headquarters of the Bloomingdale Park District. The newer building has since been replaced, but not before it hosted Abraham Lincoln during his first campaign for the Presidency. President Lincoln made Bloomingdale one of his many stops along the Chicago-Galena Highway during his campaign.

The Civil War, and Bloomingdale men and women responded to the call of the Union. The 105th Illinois Volunteer Infantry listed 27 Bloomingdale residents on its roster; several other units had local men in their ranks. The husband of Lizzie Meacham served the cause heroically and died in action. He was buried alongside other comrades-in-arms at the historic cemetery in this town.

Many new businesses were established and new buildings raised during the War years. There was a harness shop and several hotels and taverns in town. Two general stores and a butter factory served the local population. The Holstien mill, built in 1850's was grinding grain for customers throughout the county. They also were equipped to grind and sharpen tools, saving the farmers the 30-mile trip into Chicago to have the job done.

A wagon maker and blacksmith shop opened in town alongside several other new businesses. To the north, in Roselle, many other stores and shops were opening to serve the growing population.

The first building designed specifically for use as a school was erected in 1894 on Lake Street. This

wood frame school house was in constant use until 1937 when Bloomingdale Central was erected in 1894 on Lake Street. This wood frame school house was in constant use until 1937 when Bloomingdale Central was built. The structure was converted to the current Village Hall. In addition to the Village offices, this former school was headquarters for the fire and police departments; the court held sessions on the upper floor.

Commerce continued to play a major role in the development of Bloomingdale. The Chicago-Galena Road carried heavy traffic across the state. Army Trail road was blazed in 1832 by General Winfield Scott during the campaign to capture Chief Blackhawk. The local Indians, the Pottawatimies, were friendly but hostile tribes inhabited nearby regions. A major look-out post was built during the Blackhawk wars and remained standing until the 1920's.

The St. Paul, Chicago and Milwaukee Railroad announced its intention to parallel the highway and lay its tracks through Bloomingdale. Local residents, led by Roselle Hough convinced railroad officials that the line should go through the north end of town, through what is now Roselle.

Population in northern DuPage County increased. In 1878 another church, the white-faced building of St. Paul was erected. Then years later, in 1888, the parsonage was completed. Almost 40 years passed: in 1914 the original building was razed in order to erect a brick building. This church was the first building in town to have electric lights. St. Paul's was called the "German Church" by the town residents

because all services were conducted in German.

Growth continued. In 1889 the area was incorporated as the Village of Bloomingdale. Later (in 1920) Roselle requested and was granted separate incorporation. Meacham (Medinah) chose to continue as a separate, unincorporated, entity. Meacham was selected as the site of the new Medinah Temple and Country Club, from which it chose its new name. However, the road through this area retained the original Meacham name.

Indian history is abundant in Bloomingdale. The Meachams settled among the various tribes inhabiting the area at the time of their arrival: Potowattimies, Sauk, Fox, Sioux and others who had migrated west. Indications exist pointing to early settlements of Indian mound builders. Evidence points to the existence of a large settlement in the Bloomingdale area; two sites at the south of town have been registered with the State of Illinois.

Several of the early buildings in the Village have either been destroyed or moved from the original locations. The old tile shop, formerly a tin shop and then a tailor shop once occupied the site of the present Village Hall. This same building also served residents as a saloon and later a drug store. A bed spring and shoe shop, built in 1895, occupied the site of the Bloomingdale State Bank. Many local businesses were conducted in the rear of many of the old houses in town.

The "Big House" is one of the more colorful stories of Bloomingdale. Charles Hollenback, a sausage maker from Chicago bought the farm property in order to build an

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elaborate summer home. He had the original farm house, which was built on the property in the 1850's moved east of his land. The carriage barn, which was the stage depot for many years, was left intact. In 1900 the summer house was completed. This "Big House" was just that; 3 floors and a cellar, gas lights, and indoor plumbing. The interior was outstanding — oak floors and hardwood panelling — complete to the 3rd floor ballroom. And all very expensive. The big house still stands today, but as a skeleton of the past.

The village prospered. A volunteer fire department was established in 1905, housing its equipment in an old block house on Washington and Bloomingdale Roads. The Police department was to be staffed with one constable for many years. Gasoline street lights were erected in 1908 in the "downtown" area of Bloomingdale. One of these early lamps still stands in the front of Bender's Hardware Store, a store typical of early Bloomingdale.

Bloomingdale has multiplied and changed its face many times since it was first platted and registered by E. O. Hills in 1845. But some things never change. The essential character and charm of the early days still remains in the central part of town. Although many of the homes date to the 1800's they have been maintained and modernized.

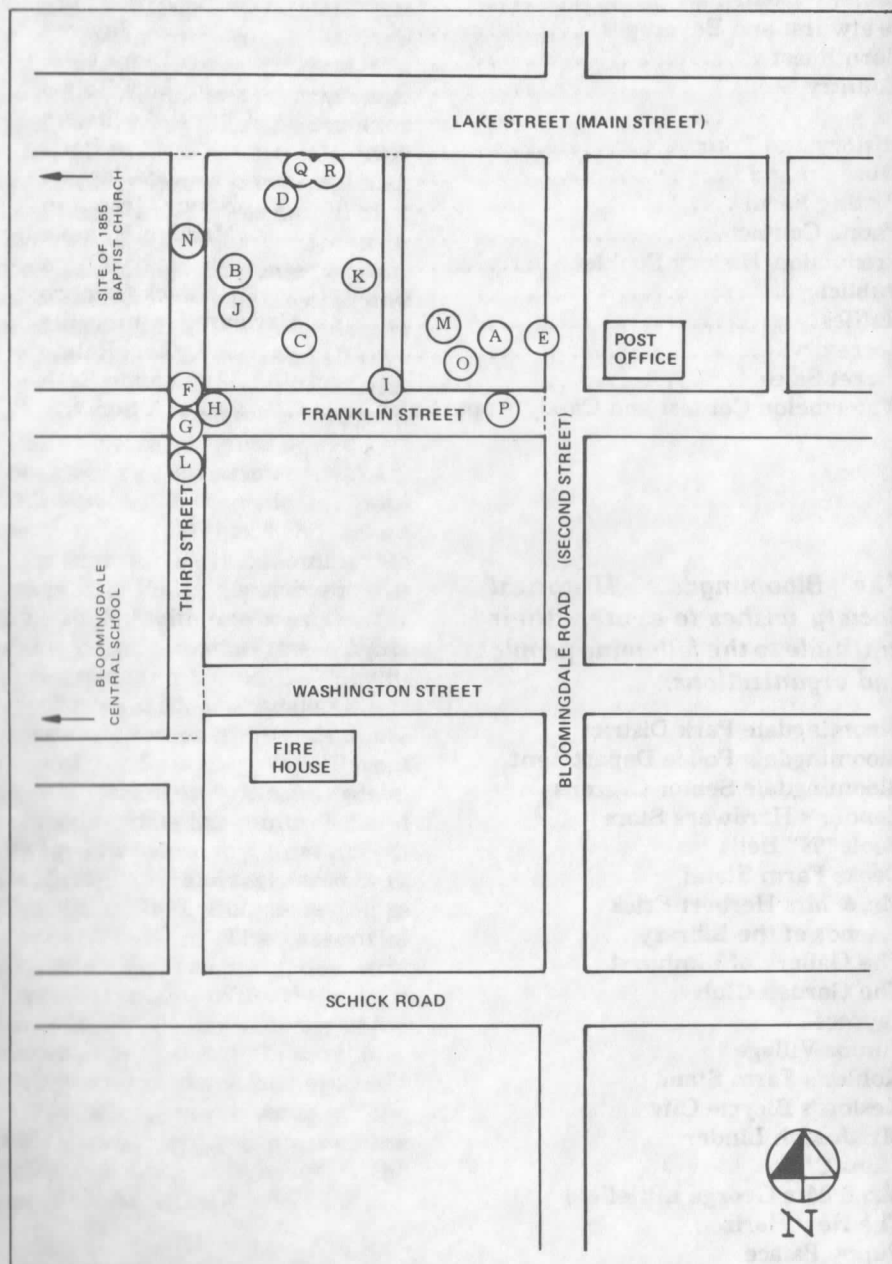
This town, reminiscent of the middle class farming town of the 1860's, has been able to retain the flavor of the "way it used to be!"

General Chairman	Kathy Calabro
Bratwurst and Beverages	Jaycees
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Watermelon Contest and Candy Apple Sales	ESA Sorority

The Bloomingdale Historical Society wishes to express their gratitude to the following people and organizations:

Bloomingdale Park District
 Bloomingdale Police Department
 Bloomingdale Senior Citizens
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 The Village Pump

...and all those who donated items for the Museum, Country Store and Bake Shop.



PROGRAM

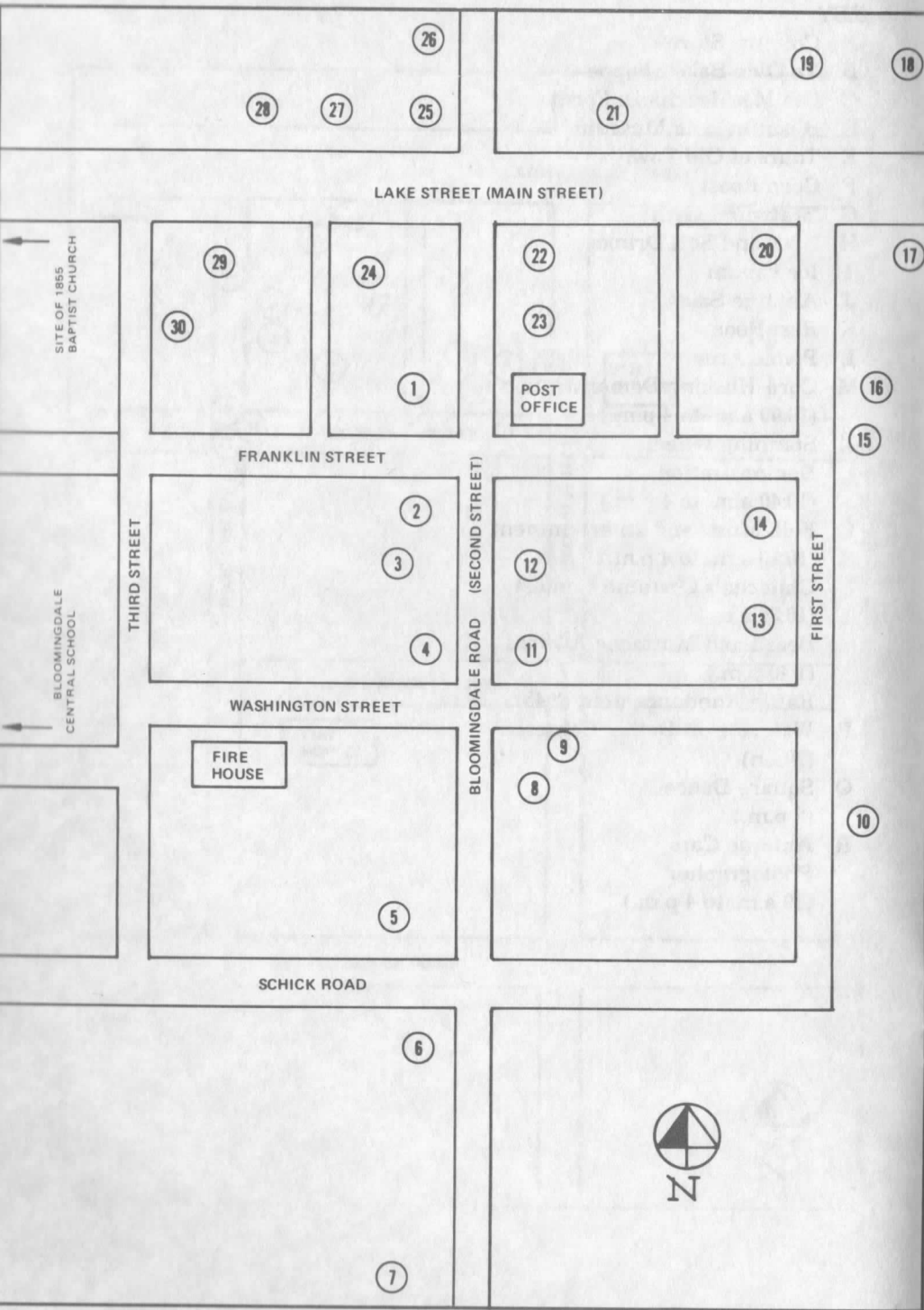
KEY

- A Country Store
- B Ye Olde Bake Shoppe
- C Old MacMeachams Farm
- D Bloomingdale Museum
- E Tours of Old Town
- F Corn Roast
- G Bratwurst Grill
- H Beer and Soft Drinks
- I Ice Cream
- J Antique Sales
- K Rest Rooms
- L Picnic Area
- M Corn Husking Demonstration
(10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- N Spinning Wheel
Demonstration
(10:40 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- O Folk Music and Entertainment
(10:40 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
Children's Costume Contest
(10:30 a.m.)
Beard and Mustache Awards
(1:40 p.m.)
Raffle Announcement (2:45)
- P Watermelon Dating Contest
(Noon)
- Q Square Dance
(2 p.m.)
- R Antique Cars
Photographer
(10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

TOUR

KEY

- 1 Bloomingdale Park District building. Built for use as the First Baptist Church in 1849. A short time later the church was purchased by the Village as a school. Later put to use as the Town Hall, Township Hall, and Assessor's office.
- 2 Bender's store and sheds. (circa 1909) Oldest family-run business in town; still managed by descendants of the original owners.
- 3 House built around the same time as Bender's store.
- 4 One of the oldest houses in town. Built with a field stone foundation and split log cellar construction.
- 5 John Budd house, typical of Victorian type architecture in the area. The original owners were partners in the Kobusch and Hausemann store, which is located on Lake and Bloomingdale Roads.
- 6 Steinbeck farm. This land was purchased from the Holstien family about 1905.
- 7 Holstien farm and mill. Early settlers (1850's), the Holstien's built the mill which ground grain for area farmers until 1899 when the farm was leveled by a tornado. The mill was built with wooden pegs and hand hewn logs and planks.
- 8 The Butter Factory, built in 1864 as a creamery, supplied dairy products to the town and surrounding areas.
- 9 Block House site. This building once housed the first fire station.
- 10 An early school site, once housed the local high school.
- 11 The Zarndt house. This was the blacksmith shop, with a cooling well in the rear.
- 12 House of unknown history.
- 13 St. Paul's Church. Built as the brick "German Church" in 1914.
- 14 The original, white frame building, was built in 1878.
- 15 St. Paul's parsonage, built in 1888 and still in use.
- 16 House of unknown history.
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- 18 Site of an old bed spring factory adjoining a private house built in 1895.
- 19 "The Big House," built by Charles Hollenback in 1900 as a summer home. He was a sausage maker from Chicago. This home was equipped with gas lighting and indoor plumbing and considered very palatial for its time.
- 20 Site of carriage house originally part of a farm that was used as a stage depot.
- 21 House of unknown history.
- 22 Royce Saloon. Later used as an ice cream shop, drug store and housed the post office. (Built 1860's or earlier.)
- 23 Site of the Kobusch and Hausemann store, in use until 1973.
- 24 Site of the Jacob Eden Wagon Shop which was in the back shed.
- 25 Site of the Cody Inn, a large hotel, owned by relatives of "Buffalo Bill" Cody.
- 26 New tavern built on an old tavern site.
- 27 Ice cream parlor and tavern stood here before it was an art store.
- 28 Site of B. F. Meacham home, nephew to the original founders of the town.
- 29 Barber shop. Once the Village harness shop, built in the 1860's.
- 30 Village Hall. The first building designated as a school in 1894 and used as such until 1937 when it was changed to house the fire department, police and village hall.
- 31 Peterson home, unknown history.





Holstein farm and grau mill 1850's-1899

Early
Park District
Building



CONGRATULATIONS

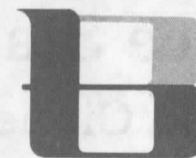
From
The Bloomingdale Historical Society
To

Mrs. Laura Fessler

Bloomingdale's Senior Citizen
of the Year

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Bender's Hardware Store
early 1974



Village Barber Shop,
once Village Harness
& Tack Shop



John Gardener's tavern — Now the ex-tile store, 104 E. Lake

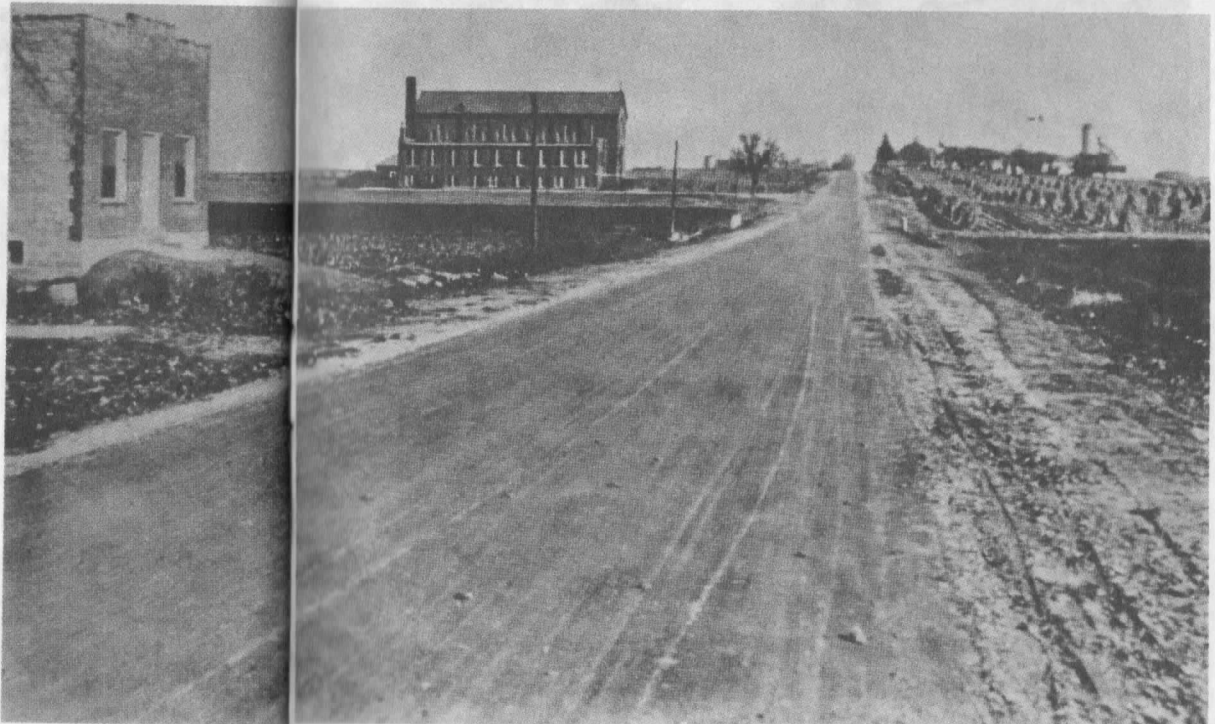
Standing: Charlie Stegman

(Father of Mrs. Elsie Banks and Mrs. Margaret DeLaHunt)

Edward Goodwin

Seated: 1. Unknown 2. Mr. Ackermann 3. Grandpa Goodwin 4. Joe Miller

Eastern View of Army Trail Road and St. Isador's Church





The Wedding of Herman Blisner and Clara Siems early 1900's

MEMBERSHIP

Banks, Elsie
120 N. Bloomingdale Rd.
Barber, Edward & Amy
137 S. Prairie Ave.
Bartram, Kent
6N225 Cricle, Medinah
Brosche, Tehodore & Bertha
252 Tee Lane
Calabro, Jack & Kathy
264 Crestwood Lane
Callfas, Cliff & Lyla
215 S. Maple, Itasca
Cooley, Bob & Lynda
250 Evergreen Lane
Coppock, Laura
121 S. Bloomingdale Rd.
DeLaHunt, John & Margaret
115 N. Bloomingdale Rd.
Franzen, Charles A. & Lois
120 Third Street
Giels, Wallace Georgene
117 S. Maple
Herning, Lance
256 Arbor Lane
Homola, Robert & Marilyn
358 Cardinal Dr.
Howe, Ronald & Dolores
241 Driftwood Lane
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Somerville, Stuart & Carolyn
254 Durham Lane
Vertnik, Joan
213 Cardinal Dr.
Wachstein, Richard & Cheryl
245 Colony Ct.
Zidek, Maryann
129 E. Lake St.

PURPOSE

The Purpose of the Bloomingdale Historical Society shall be to:

1. Establish a chartered organization which will preserve historical landmarks, property, material, memorabilia, etc.
2. Collect oral reminiscences.
3. Promote an awareness within the community of the importance of preserving our heritage, and to attract and encourage commerce to architecturally conform to the historic character of the Village.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 1974/1975

I would like to apply for membership in the Bloomingdale Historical Society. Enclosed is \$ _____ for the category of membership I have chosen.

STUDENT	\$ 1.00	LIFE	\$ 100
INDIVIDUAL	3.00	SPONSOR	100
FAMILY	5.00	BENEFACTOR	500
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