

ALTON AREA LANDMARKS ASSOCIATION
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April 2008

General Membership Meeting

Monday April 21, 2008, 7:30 PM, Hayner Public Library, Belle and West Fourth Streets, Alton, IL

Our next meeting will be held in the Illinois Room in the main downtown Hayner Library. For those who know how to use the resources there, one can tap into the historical information about Alton and its residents. Cathy Lamere, the Genealogy/Indexing Services Manager for the library, will walk us through the available resources. If you are doing research about your home, this program is for you. The public is invited.

Eldred House

The historic John J. Eldred House, an 1861 Greek Revival limestone farmhouse once belonging to the Levis family of Alton, has a new lease on life. It has a new government sponsor, the City of Roodhouse, through which federal and state grants of \$415,312 for its restoration will be funneled. A clean-up day for the Eldred House is scheduled for Saturday April 26. This would be a good chance to see the property and help restore an important historic house. If you are interested in carpooling up for the morning, call Terry Sharp at 463-5761.

Renovation

Check out face lift on 208 West Third Street downtown.

Lincolns

The Lincoln Reception held at City Hall was a great success. Eighty Lincoln impersonators were there with hundreds of Altonians for food, drink and entertainment. The large turnout was very pleasant surprise. Money raised by this event will be used for restoring and maintaining some of Alton's historic sites: Lincoln-Douglas Square, Confederate Prison, Elijah P. Lovejoy Monument and Gravesite, and the Confederate Cemetery.

Endangered

The AALA has never put out its own list of endangered buildings in Alton. Some of the likely candidates might be the Haskell House, the Bruch-Guertler House, the old Post Office, the Grand Theater and the Snyder Building. What structures would you think should be on such a list?

House Tour

We have one fabulous house committed to the tour already but, we are always looking for new houses, new volunteers and new ideas. Please call Terry Sharp at 463-5761.

Dues

Dues for 2008 can be mailed to the AALA, Box 232, Alton. IL 62002. Individual dues are \$15.00. Family membership is \$25.00 a year. Contributions are tax deductible. Thank you for your support.