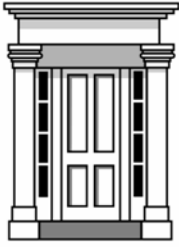


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# The Researcher

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Historical Research Center  
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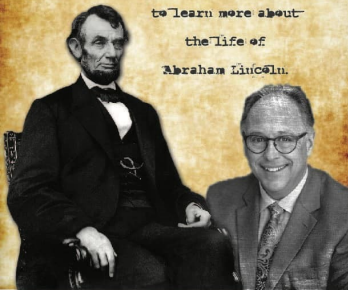


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### Lincoln Bus Tour

October 14 - 17, 2019

Join Pastor Steve as we travel  
to Indiana and Kentucky  
to learn more about  
the life of  
Abraham Lincoln.



The Research Center is going into radio! Starting in March Monday morning, area listeners can hear the Center's new radio series, "History and You," on WLKN FM 98.1, at about 8:10-8:12 a.m.

"History and You" will air every Monday morning in 2019 at the same time to share unique and insightful information about the Center and its activities, events, collections, and programs. The radio spots will also be available on our website.

So, please spread the word that the Center is now entering the entertainment industry! I hope you will listen! Please tell us what you think of these history moments, and let us know what you would like to learn about!

The Sheboygan County Historical Research Center is located at 518 Water Street in Sheboygan Falls.  
Open Tuesday through Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00am to 12:00 noon.  
Closed Saturday, April 21, 2019 for Easter.

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The Research Center is the local history archive for Sheboygan County and areas surrounding the county. It is a repository for paper records of all kinds.

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#### **New Members — WELCOME!**

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Nathan Stewart, Plymouth, WI  
Anton Van der Weele, Netherlands

#### **Upcoming Program Schedule**

##### **History on the Move**

Generations  
1500 Douglas Drive, Plymouth, WI  
2:00pm to 3:30pm  
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 - Bootlegging in Sheboygan County

##### **Taproom History**

Thursday, May 16, 2019  
Fat Cow Pub & Eatery, Sheb. Falls  
6:30 to 7:30pm  
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Abraham Lincoln and Temperance/Temperance in Sheboygan County

##### **Lunch and Learn**

Maywood  
April 30, 2019  
12:00pm - 1:00pm  
History Along the Pigeon River Corridor

##### **The Lincoln Lectures - The Lincoln Douglas Debates**

October 2, 9, 23, 30  
Sheboygan County Historical Museum  
6:30pm to 8:30pm

##### **Second Saturdays— Journeys Into Local History**

Plymouth Arts Center, 520 East Mill Street, Plymouth  
9:30am to 11:30am  
2018-2019  
May 11, 2019 — Dave Desimone - Director - Black Point Estate and Gardens, WHS - Black Point Estate & Gardens overlooking Geneva Lake, was the summer home for Chicago business mogul Conrad Seipp and four generations of his descendants. It is the Wisconsin Historical Society's newest site.

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## “LET’S DEVELOP OUR CENTER”

This month we launch our Annual Campaign of giving, which is our opportunity to financially support the Center’s mission of serving the public “by collecting, preserving and making available the written documentation and images of Sheboygan County.”

This year your gift will have an added impact! It will have extra significance! It will carry an extra punch! Let me explain why.

The goal for this year’s Annual Campaign is \$50,000. We have been fortunate to have received commitments from organizations willing to provide matching gifts up to that amount. So, if the Center raises \$50,000...it will receive matching funds totaling \$50,000! That’s \$100,000 for your Research Center! Or more!

### **Therefore, please give generously this year!**

The Research Center is on the Air! We have a launched a new way of telling people what the Center is all about. The Center is featured on WLKN, 98.1 FM, Mondays, about 8:10-8:12 a.m. These 2-minute conversations about the Center and its activities will allow us to reach a younger audience who may not be familiar with us. The airings will also be made available on our website in the near future.

The Center is launching its new Taproom History programs. We have started bringing stimulating and edgy historical programs into area taverns and pubs across Sheboygan County. These will be held on weeknights periodically throughout 2019. The first session, “Sheboygan County Vice: Brothels in the 1920s & 1930s,” drew 61 people to The Fat Cow Eatery Pub in Sheboygan Falls. Look for the full schedule in the newsletter. What could be a better way of learning history than while eating good food and enjoying a beverage?

A Second Lincoln Bus Trip is planned for October 14-17, 2019. The bus trip to Springfield, Illinois, this past September was so popular that we have been asked to host another bus trip this year. The people are screaming for more Lincoln, so we will be traveling to

see the sites of Lincoln’s youth in Kentucky and Indiana. A couple of added sites will be Louisville Slugger Museum, Mrs. Lincoln’s childhood home in Lexington, and a dinner show at the Derby Dinner Playhouse (the Play will be Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery. Personalized Tours will be again conducting the tour. Reservations are already being accepted. Seating will go fast! Contact Personalized @920-528-7600 to make reservations.

Collections continue to come in. Last year we received 6 large collections, one of which was the entire photographic collection from the Sheboygan Press. This year we obtained about 450 bound volumes of the Press going back to 1908. As the Center continues to enlarge, costs continue to increase. That is why the Annual Campaign is so vital - so we can continue to manage and care for collections, provide community awareness, publish local history, and offer continuing adult education - like Taproom History, Second Saturdays, The Lincoln Seminar, and genealogy classes. Please start thinking about what gift you would like to make to support the Center.

The Center has established a goal of increasing its membership base by 10% this year. Have you renewed your membership for 2019? If not, please renew today. The Center is also asking current members to sponsor a new member for 2019. It is a great opportunity for you to share with others what the Center does and expand our visibility in the area. We are looking for 80 new members. So far, nearly 30 individuals have joined or been sponsored. Won’t you help today by giving a neighbor, friend, relative, or co-worker a membership?

We are experiencing an exciting and fun-filled year! I look forward to seeing you at our events.

Please feel free to contact me with your ideas, suggestions, and recommendations for enhancing our development efforts. You can contact me at 920-467-4667, or email me at [steverogstad@schrc.org](mailto:steverogstad@schrc.org).

Thank you for all you do to support and help develop our Research Center!

Sincerely,  
Steven K. Rogstad  
Director of Development

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Hosted by the Fat Cow Pub & Eatery



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Above: Beth Dippel brings the history of Sheboygan County's houses of ill repute to a great crowd of 61 at the Fat Cow in Sheboygan Falls. Below: Justin Lorenz, sponsor of this year's Taproom History. Thanks, Justin.



## The Sporting Houses of Sheboygan County

Prostitution came with the earliest settlers to the area. Once sailors arrived, the industry followed, with the first houses located in buildings along Center Avenue and the Sheboygan River, the main routes of travel in pioneer Sheboygan.

Most brothels looked like ordinary houses, modest in appearance - really quite ordinary. It was never good to stand out. Others were just rooms in taverns and hotels used for prostitution activities.

In the early 1860s, on the cusp of the Civil War, a bar was built at 434 Pennsylvania Avenue which today is known as Harbor Heights. The bar was a popular place for many Great Lakes boat crews to visit when they came to port. During that early era it was rumored by local historians that sailors sought companionship with the ladies of the night on the second story of the bar.

After prohibition, bar owners included Charles Fesing in 1936 and Matt Jeray from 1933-1937, names often associated with the operation of roadhouses and their illicit side rooms.

Right next door to the east, at 420 Penn Avenue, seen below, was a building called the Brown house. Known as the Brown House, not because of its color, or that it was owned by a Brown, but because A.W Brown was habitually bringing suit against the house and its purveyors of illicit business.

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**HOUSES  
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY W. B.  
COLLINS ACTS THIS  
AFTERNOON

GIVEN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

Alleged Keepers of Houses of Ill  
Fame Said to Have Admitted  
Charge This Afternoon and are  
Ordered to Close Them and to  
Leave the City With the In-  
mates at Once. 1914



**DANCE!**  
**AIRPORT INN**  
Celebrating  
John Herman's Birthday  
**TONIGHT**  
Music by  
**EMIL'S MELODY MAKERS**  
Everybody Welcome  
Telephone 2592

**Airport Inn Is  
Looted By Robber**

Airport Inn, a roadhouse occupying a portion of the Sheboygan airport hangar on Union road southwest of the city, was entered by burglars last night and about \$20 worth of cigarettes, cigars and candy were taken. Entrance was gained through a window in the hangar proper and by forcing a door leading to the inn. The establishment is operated by John Hermann and B. Mueller.

1932 - The roadhouse, including the disorderly house were situated right in the airport hangar!

# SPEAKER



## ANTJE PETTY

Antje Petty is the Associate Director of the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. She shares the resources of the Institute with the community through lectures and workshops and has done extensive research on German-speaking immigrant families.



# SESSIONS

## “All I know is they were from Germany”

Before you can do any meaningful family research in Europe, it is crucial to know where your ancestor lived at a certain time. This session will give advice on how to identify your ancestral hometown in the context of Central Europe's complex territorial history.

## Lives Lived and Documented

Vital records are usually the first ones we try to find when researching our ancestors in Europe, but people's lives were documented in many more ways. Whether our ancestors owned land (or not), paid taxes, attended a school or a church, joined the military, had a business or a bank account, were members of a guild, club, or community organization, etc. – chances are, they left traces that can help us discover their stories.

## Finding Documents from German-Speaking Europe

This session is an introduction to finding historical records from German-speaking Europe online and off. It will include tips on how to do archival research as well as on how to navigate and use the ever-growing online selection of German and other European historical documents and genealogical resources.

## Working with Historical German Documents

You found a family document. You made a copy. But now what? In this session you will learn strategies to efficiently interpret historic German documents, even if you do not speak the language and cannot read the script.



# Finding Our GERMAN ANCESTORS in Europe

A WORKSHOP FOR GENEALOGISTS

Saturday, October 19, 2019  
9:00am to 3:00pm  
Plymouth Arts Center  
520 East Mill, Plymouth, WI





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**LOCATION & PARKING**  
Plymouth Arts Center  
520 East Mill Street  
Plymouth, WI 53073  
Parking is available on site.

## **REGISTRATION**

### **To Register Online:**

- Visit our website -[www.schrc.org](http://www.schrc.org)
  - Select Shop
  - Choose German Genealogy Seminar

Or

Send a check made out to "SCHRC" to  
518 Water Street, Sheboygan Falls, WI  
53085

## **FEES**

Members of SCHRC \$45  
Non-members \$50

## **QUESTIONS**

Contact SCHRC, 920-467-4667  
or [schrc@att.net](mailto:schrc@att.net)



## **SCHEDULE**

**8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**

Registration

**9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.**

Session: "All I Know Is They Were From Germany"

**10:15 a.m.— 11:15 a.m.**

Session: Lives Lived and Documented

**11:15 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

Lunch +

**12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m.**

Session: Finding Documents from German- Speaking Europe

**1:45p.m.—3:00 p.m.**

Session: Working With Historical Documents

- + Lunch is on your own.
- + Plymouth has many great restaurants within walking distance or a short drive. See [schrc.org/Events/German Genealogy](http://schrc.org/Events/German Genealogy) for more information.
- + Or feel free to bring a bag lunch with you.

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CLUB ROYAL, ONCE  
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PLEASANT VIEW  
ROAD IN PLYMOUTH,  
ABOUT WHERE  
WALGREEN'S DRIVE  
WAY IS TODAY.**

**BUILT AS A CHEESE  
FACTORY, IT WAS NO-  
TORIOUS FOR ITS TIME  
AS A BROTHEL. THE  
BLUE WINDOWS WERE  
THE ONLY ONES IN  
TOWN, AND CERTAINLY  
NOT SUBTLE.**



# Abraham Lincoln Heritage Trail...



## THE EARLY YEARS

OCTOBER 14-17, 2019

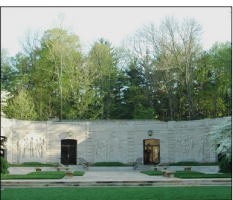
Join the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center and local Abraham Lincoln expert, Steve Rogstad, on this four-day excursion along the Abraham Lincoln Heritage Trail. Listen to Steve's captivating commentary as you explore the places in Indiana and Kentucky where our sixteenth president spent this youth. Visit Former President Lincoln's birthplace, early childhood home, and The Lincoln Museum. Tour Mrs. Lincoln's elegant family home and the Henry Clay Estate in Lexington. Just for fun... see how the famous Louisville Slugger baseball bats are made, enjoy a dinner show at Derby Dinner Playhouse and much more.

**MONDAY  
OCTOBER 14**

Our journey through Indiana and Kentucky begins as we board our deluxe motorcoach and meet our fellow travelers. The route takes us down Highway 41 along the Illinois/Indiana state line. After lunch in Carbondale, Indiana we continue on to Vincennes and the



**Lincoln Memorial Bridge.** The deck arch bridge carries U.S. Route 50 Business over the Wabash River. It is said to mark the point where Abraham Lincoln crossed on his way to Illinois in 1830. The Lincoln Trail State Memorial marks the western end of the bridge. We check into our hotel in Jasper, Indiana. An included dinner is planned at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. **(D)**



**TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 15**

Our destination today is Bardstown, Kentucky, but on our way we make stops in Lincoln City, Indiana and Hodgenville, Kentucky. First, we visit the **Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial** in Lincoln City. We begin at the Memorial Visitor Center where we view an orientation film that tells the story of Abraham Lincoln's youth. Browse

through the park museum, containing artifacts and exhibits that portray the family and frontier life of Former President Lincoln. A tree-lined trail leads to Pioneer Cemetery and the gravesite of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Then it is on to the **Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site** near Hodgenville. The Birthplace unit at Sinking Spring Farm features a visitor center containing a symbolic cabin. When Lincoln was two years old, his family moved to Knob Creek where he lived until the age of seven. At the Knob Creek unit we'll find a 19th-century log cabin and a 20th century tavern. Our final stop for the day is at **The Lincoln Museum** in downtown Hodgenville. Wander through the pivotal points in the life of Former President Lincoln with a series of life-size dioramas, period artifacts, and a superb collection of wax figures. From the "cabin years" to "Ford's Theatre" we enjoy this close-up experience. Overnight accommodations are in Bardstown, Kentucky. **(B, D)**

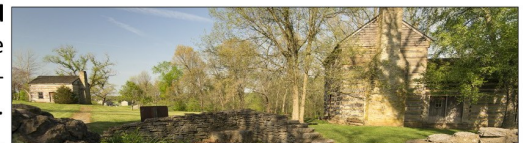


**WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 16**

This morning a short drive takes us to **Lincoln Homestead State Park**, located just north of Springfield, Kentucky. The park features both historic and reconstructed buildings associated with Thomas Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's father.



The Francis Berry House, the only original structure, is where Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks, lived and worked as a seamstress while being courted by Thomas. We will also find replicas of Thomas' boyhood home and the blacksmith shop where he learned his trade. We head to Lexington, the center of thoroughbred horse country, for a visit to the **Mary Todd Lincoln House**. Sophisticated and educated, Mary Lincoln was versed in politics and dedicated to her husband.



Learn about the complex life of Mary while visiting the first historic site restored to honor a first lady. Located in the heart of downtown Lexington, the 14-room house contains family portraits and furnishings from the Todd and Lincoln families. Also in Lexington is **Ashland, Henry Clay Estate**, a plantation and mansion once belonging to famed Kentucky statesman Henry Clay. Clay was a U.S. Senator and served as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. He began acquiring the 600-acre estate in 1811 and built the mansion the following year. Ashland has been designated a National Historic Landmark. Tonight we have the option of attending a dinner show at **Derby Dinner Playhouse (\$40pp)**. The production is *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*. Based on the classic Sherlock Holmes story, everyone's favorite detective must crack the case before a family curse dooms its newest heir. What a murderously funny adventure! Our hotel for the night is in suburban Louisville. **(B)**



**THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 17**

First thing this morning we are off to the **Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory**. We view collections of baseball memorabilia before moving on to the Hillerich & Bradsby Co. manufacturing facility to see bats being produced. A short film, interactive exhibits and batting



cages are available. Next on our agenda is the **Lincoln Memorial at Waterfront Park** in Louisville. The memorial uses a sculpture and Lincoln's own words to convey his lifelong ties to Kentucky and the state's influence on his life. It offers glimpses of different stages in Lincoln's life, including his childhood in Kentucky, his political and social rise, the impact of the Civil War on Lincoln, his family, and the nation, and the roots of his abhorrence of slavery. Before we know it we will be back in Southeastern Wisconsin with new insights into the life of Former President Abraham Lincoln and memories of a fun-filled trip through Indiana and Kentucky. **(B)**

**MEAL CODE: B-Breakfast D-Dinner**

**ACTIVITY LEVEL: Average-You should be able to climb stairs, tolerate periods of standing, and walk reasonable distances.**



**TOUR PRICE:** \$799 Per Person Double Occupancy  
\$999 Single Occupancy

**TOUR INCLUDES:**

- \* Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- \* Hotel Accommodations for 3 Nights
- \* Sightseeing and Attractions Per Itinerary
- \* Lincoln Expertise of Steve Rogstad
- \* 3 Breakfasts
- \* 2 Dinners
- \* Luggage Handling for 1 Suitcase Per Person
- \* Services of a Personalized Tour Director



Due to the nature of the attractions included in this tour, all children must be at least twelve years of age.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

\$200 Deposit Due with Reservation  
Balance Due August 14, 2019

**TRAVEL INSURED TRAVEL PROTECTION:**

\$44 Per Person Double \$52 Single

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