

ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 Saline Ford Historical Preservation Society
www.AshlandHistoricalSociety.org
 207 North 15th Street, Ashland NE 68003

OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Preserving , recording and "sharing & telling" the rich history
 of the Ashland NE community and area

Ashland NE was founded in 1857.

The name **ASHLAND** is credited to an ardent admirer of Henry Clay who was "charmed by the natural beauty of the scenery and its seeming advantage of becoming a future city." Clay's home, Ashland KY, was honored.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & ANNUAL MEETING

AHS - SFHPS meetings are held quarterly on the second Sunday afternoon of January, April, July and October; the Annual Meeting held in October. **The 2017 Annual Meeting** and election of officers for the year of **2017 - 2018** will be held Sunday afternoon October 15, 2017 - **3:00 PM** at the **Ashland History Museum**, 207 N. 15th Street, Ashland NE

2016—2017 OFFICERS

President — Martha 'Marti' Fritzen
 Vice President — Peg Lutton
 Secretary — Judy Hull
 Treasurer — Marilyn Wright
 Board Member - Pat Proctor, Jim Anderson
 Deb Busing, Jerry Froistad, Judy Hull
 IT / Web Services - Rodge Bratt

**AHS - SFHPS Reports . . .
 HISTORIC TOURS of ASHLAND**

Historic walking/driving tour maps of Ashland are available at Willow Point Gallery, Cooper Studio and Gallery and St. Stephen's Church. The maps show 24 historic sites which are identified by signs in place from spring to fall.

If you have historic items or memories to share, do bring them to our meetings.

**We invite you to share them via our new electronic 'Window to the World'.
www.AshlandHistoricalSociety.org**

You may scan & e-mail them to the **Web Geek:**
Info@AshlandHistoricalSociety.info

We invite you to submit ^ your e-mail address for inclusion in the receipt of **Newsletters** and other **Special Events** the [AHS] and the [AHM] will be announcing throughout the year. This effort has preserved needed funds for our museum, etc. by reducing printing & mailing expenses. **We Thank You for your efforts.**

'Ashland Historical Society-Ashland NE' also has a **Facebook** page for your viewing.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Individual \$20
 Family - \$35 - Patron - \$75
 Annual Dues are payable on Oct 1st.
A New Member Application is a part of this Newsletter.

Renewal Membership Dues are due prior to the Annual Meeting, however, will be accepted at that time and may be mailed to the offices at the **Ashland History Museum**. The [AHM] is located in the former **Ashland (Carnegie) Public Library** building [circa 1911]

Tax deductible donations may be made by check to the **Ashland Area Foundation**, with the *memo section* of your check noted **"for the Ashland Historical Society"**. Donations, as described above may be mailed to:
Ashland Area Foundation,
 1442 Silver Street, Ashland NE 68003.



JOIN US for the [AHS Annual 'Cemetery Crawl'](#) at 2:00 PM @ Ashland Cemetery. Meet at the 'kiosk', tour select areas & adjourn to AHM for our annual meeting. **ALL persons interested in the history & historical preservation of the Ashland area are cordially invited to attend our **Annual Meeting** at **3:00 PM at Ashland History Museum.****

ANNUAL DUES are DUE (01 OCT) * NEW Members are invited
See Details of Membership / Renewal to the left of page

Get involved in historical preservation. If you don't, who will?

It has been another busy year for the Historical Society. Sue Brauckmuller led a fascinating cemetery crawl in October last year prior to the annual meeting and she will do the same again this year. We continue to improve the physical plant. Jerry Froistad researched new UV lighting for the museum and Nolan Welch installed new lights in November at a cost of \$1040. Jim Anderson contacted the woodworking department at school and they took on the job of repairing the benches in front of the library; the garden club provided flowers for the flower beds. Jerry Froistad has added to our bulletin boards. Chuck and Shirley Niemeyer had a vintage toilet and sink installed in the downstairs restroom. Our January quarterly meeting was cancelled due to the weather. Our April Quarterly meeting was the Nebraska Museum Association convention in Lincoln and several members attended. The Ashland Historical Society was featured on the Nebraska Museum Association Facebook page on February 13 as one of Nebraska's 150 museums in honor of 150 years of statehood. On March 4 a panel discussion was held at the ACRC Building as part of Ashland's acknowledgement of Nebraska's sesquicentennial. Suzi Nelson moderated and Marti Fritzen, Peg Lutton, Marilyn Wright and Judy Hull presented Ashland's history and answered questions. Shirley Niemeyer added historical pictures on the big screen. ** See picture of the "cake cutting" at the Ashland celebration - next page.

2017 - A BUSY YEAR FOR THE ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY Continued:

ASHLAND and Ashlander's KNOW how to host a PARTY!, as we did for the **Nebraska's** 150 years of Statehood !
MANY of Ashland's celebrities were in attendance, including Clay Anderson and his wife Susan & Gene Roncka!



It has been over a year since the Museum opened its doors to the public in 2016.

Pat Yardley has been our #1 volunteer by providing food for a soup luncheon at the VFW in January and the **"3rd Annual Lunch on the Lawn"** at the Museum during the Stir-up.

The proceeds have helped provide funds to pay our yearly rent to City Hall.



The Ashland History Museum [AHM] 3rd annual 'Lunch on The Lawn' was held during 2017 Stir-Up Days. We THANK all Ashlander's for making it such a success. We want to thank Farmers & Merchants Bank for their assistance and co-sponsorship of the luncheon.

The Museum was open Sunday afternoons during the summer and attendance was so low that we will probably be open only by appointment next year. We did give tours at **Lunch on the Lawn** and again during the annual car show at the **Stir-up**. We are open Thursdays year round and often give tours at that time. We have had donations of a trophy case from the school, one of the Silver Street drinking fountains, and many pictures and scrapbooks. Thanks to all for your donations.

SPECIAL GROUP TOURS may be requested via e-mail to address on the previous page.

2017 activities continued

Deb Busing resigned as Secretary in January due to scheduling conflicts and Judy Hull resumed that office. Lee Graham resigned in June as he had moved to Lincoln and was unable to attend meetings. His position on the board will be filled at the annual meeting.

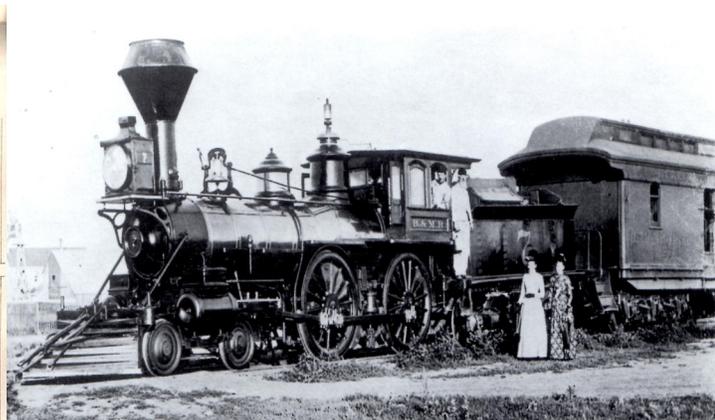
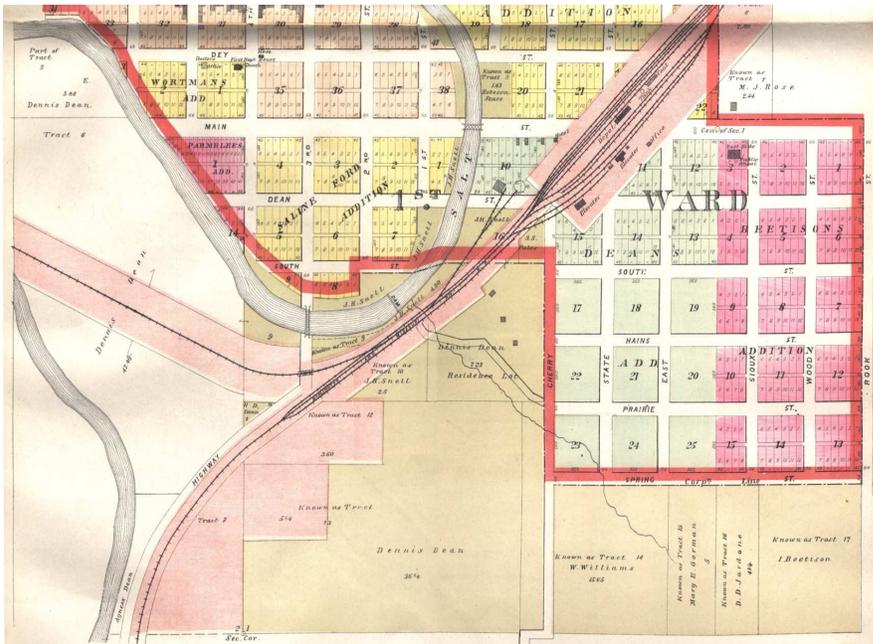
In August Pat Proctor led our annual field trip to **Weston** where the store her great grandfather had owned in the early 1900s was restored and open for tours.

PICTURES BELOW of the August Quarterly “Meeting on the Road” and Field Trip:





NEWS BULLETIN !!! Ashland and its involvement in **NEBRASKA** and its **RAILROAD HISTORY** will be the subject of a **NEW Documentary**, to be debuted by **NET Television** in the Spring (March) of 2018. Penny Costello, Producer, and her staff have interviewed several Ashlander's, whose families were a part of that history (some of which is outlined on our **Railroads** and **Dennis Dean** pages of our website). The documentary will tell the 'story' and history of the "movement west" of the pioneers and early settlers, whose journeys began with their movement along the **Oxbow Trail** from Nebraska City & Plattsmouth, across the solid rock bed of **Salt Creek** over the **Saline Ford Crossing** at today's **Salt Creek**, a 'shortcut' to the **Oregon Trail**; Dennis Dean's 'deal' with the **B.M.R.R** (later known as "**The Burlington Route**"). . . today's **BNSF Railroad**. It will also detail how many small towns and cities were "born" along the route of the railroad, including the impact the railroad had on Ashland; from locals who lived in Ashland 'working on the railroad' . . . Its lines from Ashland to Lancaster (now Lincoln) and to Fort Kearny near today's Kearney NE, the Ashland - Schuyler line to Memphis, Wahoo, Prague, Schuyler and the Ashland - Sioux City via Wann, Yutan, etc. , as well as the later-built extension of the original rail lines to **South Omaha** via Melia, Gretna, Chalco, Millard, etc. to serve the meat packing industry - the ice needed for the refrigerated cars coming from the **Swift Ice House** in Ashland and the **Amour Ice House** in Memphis; both claiming to be the 'largest in the world'. Beginning in 1911, automobiles followed the same route as the railroads on what is now **Historic US Route 6**. MANY Ashlander's traveled to Havelock NE to work in the 'Havelock Shops" and still do today.



LEFT: a plat map of Ashland showing original rail lines of Ashland Nebraska . . .
 RIGHT: Ashland's first NEW engine "Wauhoo" . . . Also known as "Old No. 7" of 1870, and built by Manchester Locomotive Works, Manchester NH.





Swift's meat at Ashland & Neb.





I / We wish to **RENEW or **JOIN** the Ashland Historical Society**
Membership is ANNUAL and is due on or before each October 1st

Please complete the information below;

Please renew / enroll my / our membership
in the Ashland Historical Society
for 2017 - 2018 as indicated below:

Patron \$75.00 _____ Family \$35.00 _____ Single \$20.00 _____

Enclosed is my check made out to the Ashland Historical Society
in the amount of \$ _____ for Renewal / Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail Address** _____

Enclose your check or M.O. in the amount, describing the Membership level you desire

Mail to: AHS, 207 North 15th Street, Ashland NE 68003

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View on the Big Blue, between Camden and Crest, representing Valley and Rolling Prairie Land in Nebraska.



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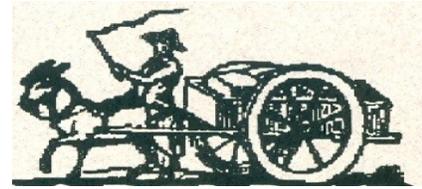
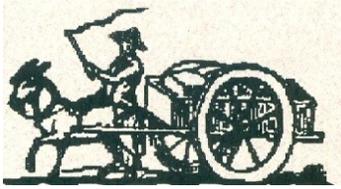
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GENERAL OFFICE: PULASKI BUILDING, BOSTON, U.S.A.





Ashland Carnegie Public Library [circa 1913 postcard]
Notice the Wiggenhorn Mansion in the left corner.

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