

Carbon Hill School Museum

Welcome to the old Carbon Hill School, now a public museum, owned and operated by the Carbon Hill Historical Society, a registered not-for-profit Illinois organization, dedicated to collecting, preserving, and displaying our local history.

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Ruth Brown Allen

This winter brought the passing of one of our Carbon Hill School graduates, as well as her cousin, John Born

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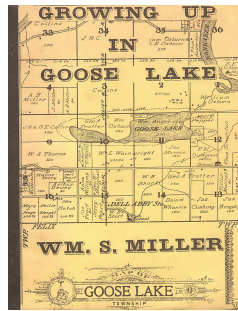
Genealogy surprises

Each family story is a new connection!

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Good Reading



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The Medicine Cabinet

Before Medicare had a donut hole and before Sam Walton created Walmart, we had our wonderful remedies.

Yuck!

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Homecoming, 2010

This year's dates are June 23-27, 2010. We will once again staff the food stand. Hope to see you there!

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About our Society

Your membership in the Society keeps the school museum thriving.

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Ruth Brown Allen --

.... I am back in the Coal City school cafeteria smelling those huge warm rolls made by our own Ruthie Brown Allen. What a cook!

Ruthie was born in Carbon Hill to William Brown and Margaret Vacca Brown. She and both her younger brothers, Bill and Leroy, attended the Carbon Hill School where Ruthie graduated at the top of her class in 1936.

Ruthie had only 3 classmates-- Alice Haldorson, Lillian Baudino, and Marcella Novak. But on their



graduation night the whole school (that would be Room 1 & Room 2) with teachers Marguerite Walker and Mary Enrietto put on a big program. Rudy Jacklich played an accordion selection. Alice and her sister Helen, accompanied by their dad Charlie on his accordion, tap

danced and sang a song. The day before had been the school's annual picnic at White Tie Park. This is a simple story of both hard and happy times gone by.

The Class of 1936's motto was "Tonight We Launch, Where Shall We Anchor?" Lucky for us, Ruthie anchored close to home and we all got the benefit of her talents.

Like her Vacca family cousin, John D. Born, who also passed away this winter, we will always remember them for their service to community, steadfast friendship, and ability to do it all well.

Good people, good times, and good food-- nothing will ever beat that combination! Rest in peace.

THE TALLMAN BROTHERS,
OF CARBON HILL OK'S &
THE COAL CITY MAROONS
FAME & THEIR COUSINS,
THE CARDWELLS

Now the descendants come to our museum to tell stories and to learn more about their ancestors. As with all our families, they are spread across the USA.

Stop in and read through this wonderful memoir

There were career teachers, most of whom had that happy faculty of

With all the talk about health care, we made a display this winter of the home remedies that got us through our colds and other aches and pains. You may have a shock when you see opium and heroin on the ingredients labels. Water bottles, crutches and corn plasters, pine tar, cod liver oil, and oil of wintergreen. Smith Brothers Cough Syrup? And we added a bottle of good old Fernet to remind you of what Grandma might give you if you said your tummy was upset.



Another Homecoming Approaches

Once again this year, the Carbon Hill Historical Society will volunteer to work in the food stand during the annual Homecoming. This year's Carbon Hill Homecoming dates are June 23 - June 27, 2010, (Wednesday through Sunday). Our historical society receives a donation from the Homecoming committee for doing this work which really helps to pay the bills at the museum. If you are willing to volunteer for a few hours, there is plenty of fun and plenty of appreciation that come along with the time given.

Volunteers often work as a family or with a group of friends and enjoy seeing each other as well as seeing other old friends, neighbors, and classmates from years gone by. With each passing year we become more aware that time marches on. As we lose loved ones and so many good friends, willing workers and happy faces, we are reminded that the time to enjoy each other is now. To this end, we embrace the idea of a homecoming, working and playing together while we can.

Join us for another year of celebration! Call 815-634-4213 for details.



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Come Visit Us at the Museum!

The Carbon Hill Historical Society is dedicated to the collection, preservation and display of local history. The Society is a registered not-for-profit organization and is the sole owner of the Carbon Hill School Museum. The museum is open Mondays, noon to four p.m. --- or by appointment. We are located at 875 Second Street in Carbon Hill. Dues for membership in the Society is \$15.00 annually. Thank you!



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