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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUINCY AND ADAMS COUNTY
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, October 26, 1979

The Annual Dinner Meeting of the Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County was held at Tara on Friday, October 26, 1979, with Charles E. Barnum presiding. Mr. Barnum has been acting president since the resignation of Jean Cooper in August.

Mr. Barnum noted that the goal of the society is to restore the John Wood mansion in the truest sense possible and every effort will be put forth to this end. He also had a surprise announcement that Miss Mary Louise Kidney had bequeathed the sum of \$5,000 to the society.

Mr. Barnum then introduced the speaker, Mr. James Allen of the Illinois Department of Conservation, Historic Sites Division, who strongly stressed that the restoration procedures must not be hurried in order that thorough studies can be made for the ultimate authenticity of the original mansion.

Ted Pollock, Chairman of the nominating committee, read the list of nominees for office, which were Charles E. Barnum, President; Caroline Sexauer, Vice Pres.; Nona Crowley, Secretary; Ann Wooleyhan, Treasurer; Joann Barker, Corresponding Secretary and Library Historian. Mrs. Sexauer accepted the office of vice president on the condition she would not ultimately be president. It was moved by Jan Conover that the nominations be accepted and the motion was seconded by Al Wooleyhan.

Board members elected were John Klingner, Charles Barnum, Ned Broemmel, Mrs. Wooleyhan, Mrs. Sexauer, Mrs. Crowley, and John Morrison.

Ned Broemmel is Chairman of the Restoration Committee, with members of the committee being Janet Conover, Sandra Hull, Mary Tanner, John Klingner, Julia Scofield, and George Irwin.

The nominating committee consisted of Ted Pollock, Chairman; Kay Stevenson, Sandra Hull, Bob Mays, and Julia Scofield.

Herman Schneidman is Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee.

After the general meeting, a short meeting of the board members was held. Ned Broemmel spoke briefly about the work done and the many hours spent in the last month and stated the restoration would be done to the very best of everyone's ability. Much historical study will be done by the committee during the winter months on the interior to bring it all together as authentically as possible, and the restoration committee members will start working in small groups to study each room individually.

We need to install a transformer back of the house and get two electrical estimates for wiring. It will run between \$2,000 and \$3,000, not counting C.I.P.S. putting the wiring into the house.

The plumbing charge will be around \$6,000, but the bill has not yet been received. This will cover charges for the bathrooms and other plumbing work needed.