

AUMSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

AHS met on October 11th. President Ted Shepard presided. Because there were no meetings since June, many reports were given so that the minutes will contain a record of the summer activities. Joan Mathias has brought AHS a new supply of vintage Corn Festival postcards. These will be given away free. AHS has also obtained stamped envelopes and post cards with 50th Corn Festival cancellations. These envelopes can be purchased for \$2. each and the cards are 50 cents apiece.

The first post office in this area was on Condit property near Pleasant Grove Cemetery. There has been a lot of speculation about the site of the first post office in Aumsville. Documents have now been obtained, which pinpoint its location by section and subdivisions and also with reference to Mill Creek. In general terms, it was near First and Main. Whether it was built for postal purposes or set up in an existing home or business is unknown. No traces remain.

Dennis Richards visited the museum. A picture of his grandparents and their children is on display. Between 1910 and 1920, the family came to Aumsville from Wisconsin by train. Their belongings were brought in a box car. One of the daughters was Grace, who taught school in Aumsville for about 40 years. Many local people remember her as their third grade teacher.

Dennis donated some 1987-9 "AUMSVILLE NEWS LETTERS". They are typed on 14-inch sheets, usually four pages per issue, text only. No pictures or ads. The monthly distribution was about 500 copies. Each issue contains reports on city business and a message from Mayor Harold White. Water quality, street and sidewalk conditions, fire and police protection, and the need for volunteers were ongoing topics.

The Atkinson collection of historical articles has now been indexed, all 4427 pages. The combined index of the 38 volumes can be accessed on the museum's computer.

The next AHS meeting will be held at 7 PM, Thursday, November 8th in the community center. The museum is closed for the winter. To arrange a visit by appointment or for additional information about AHS, please contact Ted Shepard at 503-749-2744 or Karlene Santibanez at 503-479-2585.