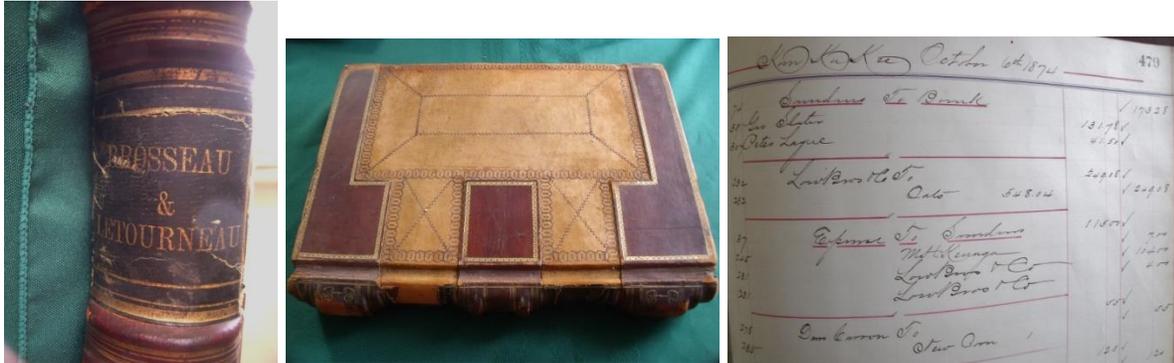


BGHS News—March 2016

Hello Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

BGHS Acquires George Letourneau Ledger



As seen above, the society has acquired George Letourneau and Noel Brousseau's account ledger book from January 1870 to October 6, 1874. While George Letourneau was farming in Bourbonnais Grove at his farmstead, he became engaged in the grain business with Noel Brousseau in 1869. Letourneau bought out Mr. Brousseau in 1875 and continued a partnership with Hiram Kenaga until 1880. In that year, Letourneau sold his interest to Charles Igrandson of George and Elodie Letourneau--for donating the ledger. It is on display at the Letourneau Home/Museum.

Issues Addressed at March 3 Membership Meeting and Save the Dates

Several issues addressed at the BGHS meeting on Thursday March 3, 2016 were the following:

- **Membership dues are now "due"--members may print the membership form from our website and mail in the dues** <http://nebula.wsimg.com/a54f442a6f06cd5e1d789faa18f5b08e?AccessKeyId=E2914FB9743AFC460E8E&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>;
- **Save the Dates: *Les Artisans Arts and Crafts Fair* on **July 4 and December 3, 2016** to be held at the Kankakee County Fairgrounds--Ellen Stringer, organizer of the event, is requesting potential crafters to contact her 815-935-5278 or ellen.stringer@gmail.com;**
- **Save the Date: **Tuesday April 19**--a Bourbonnais Township historic preservation forum will be hosted by the Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission at the White Oak Room, Bourbonnais Public Library, from 7-8:45 pm--while supplies last, printed copies of *Four Walking Tours of Historic Bourbonnais* will be distributed;**
- **Dr. Charles Balesi will lecture in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri on Saturday April 23 at 10:30 on the topic "Tactics and Strategy of French Colonial Troops--Successes and Failures from Africa to North America"--** see <https://col125.mail.live.com/mail/ViewOfficePreview.aspx?messageid=mgpYJBXVL15RGo3wAeC8wF3A2&folderid=flinbox&attindex=0&cp=-1&attdepth=0&n=130J85072>;

- I will teach the three-session Lifelong Learning Institute course “Kankakee River Valley Pioneers and Their Legacy: Thomas Durham (1784-1854) and George Letourneau (1831-1906)” at KCC on Tuesdays March 29, April 5, and April 12, 2016 from 9:30-11:00 am-- individuals may register at <http://www.kcc.edu/coned/lli/Pages/Register.aspx>; and
- *Volunteers are needed to "sit" for the Letourneau Home/Museum from 1-4 pm on the following Sundays: June 5, September 4, November 6, and December 4.*

Your next monthly news report will come after the BGHS meeting on April 7, 2016. Think spring! Best wishes,

Dr. Jim Paul, Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society Board Member and Secretary