

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

### **DAR Rock-Plaque Memorial Moved to Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve**



The Daughters of the American Revolution rock-plaque memorial, which was dedicated in 1928, has now been moved by the Village of Bourbonnais onto the front of the Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve. The rock-plaque memorial once stood in front of the Village of Bourbonnais Town Hall on the "triangle"--intersection of Route 102/U.S. 45/52, and South Main Street. The town hall was built in 1895, destroyed by the tornado of 1963, and demolished in 1964. The rock-plaque memorial was later moved to the entrance of the Village of Bourbonnais Municipal Center--until this week. The BGHS is grateful to the village for now resetting the memorial on the Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve which is the setting for the George R. Letourneau Home/Museum--a Village of Bourbonnais and Kankakee County Historic Landmark. Above are views of the rock-plaque, one view to the east and one view to the west. The memorial plaque states:

Dedicated To The Memory  
Of  
**Gurdon Saltonstall Hubbard**  
**Noel Le Vasseur**  
**Francois Bourbonnais**  
Early Pioneers In The Employ Of  
The American Fur Company  
Who Had A Post Near This Site--  
**Father De Pontavissee**  
First Priest And Religious Teacher  
In This Vicinity And All Pioneers  
Whose Indomitable Courage  
Blazed The Trail Through The Wilderness  
And Led Us Into A Glorious Heritage  
Erected By Kankakee Chapter  
Daughters American Revolution  
1928

Have a nice fall. Best wishes,  
Jim