

BGHS News—March/April 2018

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

BGHS Receives Artifacts from Francis Cooper Wertz (1915-2018)



Frances Cooper Wertz, a dear friend of the BGHS, recently died. She bequeathed to the BGHS the 1920 photograph of herself sitting on a rock marker on the Cooper Pony Farm as well as several other items seen above, and a bequest from her trust to be given in 2019. Please read Laurel Soper's October 4, 2016 article in *The Herald* "Growing Up on the Cooper Pony Farm" <http://nebula.wsimg.com/b2e8be684de076e47b97dc094cab45c3?AccessKeyId=E2914FB9743AFC460E8E&disposition=0&alloworigin=1> for more of Frances's history.

Next Membership Meeting on April 5

Our monthly meeting on Thursday April 5 at 7:00 pm will include:

- presentation by Julie Larson about the benefits of a bee hive in our gardens;
- selection of a secretary (minutes of March 1, 2018 meeting are attached);
- new lawn service;
- placement of Kankakee County historic landmark plaque; and
- discussion on log school house reconstruction, St. Rose of Lima Church status, and Chris Shoup's artwork for a French-Canadian beer.

Please come early to enjoy decaf coffee, bottled water, and cookies.

Kudos to Our Volunteers

A special thanks to Sandi Sandeno who chaperoned the Letourneau Home/Museum during the March 4 open house from 1-4 pm, and to Gary Siner for hosting the March 18 open house. Think spring!

Jim