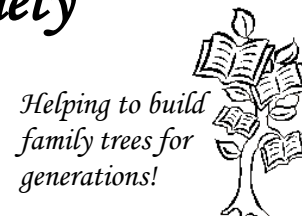


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SUPRISING NEWS HEARD RECENTLY AT “THE FORT.....

“We Challenge you, Lexington Genealogical & Historical Society”



To honor and respect the memory of their loved ones' lifelong joy with genealogy and history, an anonymous family recently surprised our society with very generous

matching gift challenge.

When they realized that our funds come only through memberships, research fees, and donations, this family wished to expand their gift by making a challenge to other interested friends, patrons, and members to join in this effort to maximize the impact of their donation.

“All donations to Lexington Genealogical and Historical Society, a 501c3 non-profit, between now and April 15th, 2022 will be matched - dollar for dollar - up to \$10,000...if you can meet the challenge”

If we meet this challenge, THE FORT has set three priorities/needs for expenditures:

- 1)**BUILDING:** Maintain and preserve our 1868 building at 318 Main Street with exterior repairs, painting, and weatherizing needs; quotes range from \$5,000 to \$18,000.
- 2)**TECHNOLOGY:** Update and maintain – computers, printers, software, and storage system now used heavily for communication and research; quotes up to \$3000.
- 3)**NEWSPAPER PROJECT:** Digitize and make searchable parts of our extensive collection of Lexington newspapers – 1859 to current - Quotes: \$5,000 to \$13,000.

Challenge includes all payments between now and April 15, 2022, including society dues of just \$15/annually. We are excited to accept this challenge with your help! Find more information and/or respond through our web page, our newsletters, email, & facebook. Donation checks may also be mailed to 318 W. Main, Lexington, IL 61753.

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