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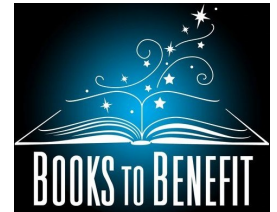
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Our building on Main Street in Lexington is still closed to the public right now, but the volunteers of THE FORT-Lexington Genealogical and Historical Society- are still available to help you. We **check our email daily**, so send requests to thefortoflex@aol.com

Spring cleaning caused DONATIONS and SPACE to collide at THE FORT, necessitating reassessment of the materials on our few shelves. Email offers to share extras with members and neighboring organizations brought many pleasant surprises with an overwhelming response. Volunteers from Bloomington library, Tazewell, Woodford, Livingston, Peoria, and McLean counties and as far away as Wilmette Family Center, came to our rescue to give new homes to many beloved items. Thanks to all of you who took time to come and help us out.

As we pondered leftovers, a news item in our small weekly paper pointed the way to a literacy non-profit right here in McLean County, **Books to Benefit**. They agreed to accept, sort, and disperse the several remaining boxes of materials to help us avoid the recycle or trash bins.

Updating our indexes for state materials, county items, military, religious, and genealogy topics, surname files, family research, and subject folders was a good start in again knowing "what we have and where to quickly find it" at THE FORT.



Example of research handled by our talented FORT volunteers during our updating of Find A Grave information:

To THE FORT.....Findagrave.com Memorial 65981948 Suggested Edit: from Bill Woessner

"My relative George Washington Jones b.1846 in Barren, Kentucky did not serve in Co C, 33rd Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. 2LT Jones, George W who did serve in the 33rd, was a native of Norton, MA according to the records housed at the Illinois Secretary of State which may be located here: <https://www.ilsos.gov/isaveterans/civilMusterSearch.do>" (Our clients are educated!!)

"Thank you for bringing this to our attention, Bill. We removed the tribute noting Co C 33rd Reg. Since we cannot prove in which unit your George Washington Jones served; we will drop the unit, but believe it is possible THIS GW Jones served in Company K 145th Ill Inf, as this man lived in Towanda, which is quite close to Hopewell Cemetery at Downs, Illinois." (We all hate to be WRONG!)

"I'm very much obliged. A branch of my family moved to Barren County at the turn of the 19th century and are associated with the Skagg's Creek/Poplar Log Primitive Baptist Church. Several of these distant relatives served in the Union Army during the Civil War as well as the War of 1812. I very much appreciate your assistance." (Seems to have satisfied him...but...is it correct???)

"Bill, your question prompted me to take a further look. George W. Jones did not come to Illinois until after the Civil War. I find him in Kentucky census records for 1850, 1860, 1870 with his parents Moses P. and Sarah Jones. On the 1880 he is still in Kentucky but with his wife Isabelle Hammitt Jones and two children Joel Bruce and Perney B. Isabelle died in 1882. His obit states that he came to the Downs area "25 years ago" which would be 1908. I find him in Champaign county Illinois on the 1910 living with his daughter Pernie Williams and family. On the 1920 and 1930 he is in Downs. I hope this has been of some help to you. So, if this GW did serve in the Civil War, it was most likely for the Confederacy. Dee - for Lexington Genealogical and Historical Society"

"Wow, you ARE a full service society! Thank you for the run down on George Washington Jones. Appreciate it. Bill"

Spring Jokes to bring a smile!

What season is best on a trampoline?

A: "Spring" time!

What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

A: "Bugs" Bunny.

Why is the letter A like a flower?

A: A "bee" comes after it!

How excited was the gardener in Spring?

A: So excited he wet his "plants".

When do monkeys fall from the sky?

A: During "APE" -ril showers

LHS VOLUNTEER SERVICE DAY at THE FORT

With all of our moving of books and materials over the past couple of months, we noticed a need for clean....and lucky for us, LEXINGTON students will soon hold their annual SERVICE DAY to volunteer for a variety of tasks around town. We have been the very fortunate recipients of their service in past years for paperwork, cleaning, AC removal and set up, cemetery tramping and doing grave photography, so they are a talented and dedicated group of kids who always help with a smile. We are thankfully looking forward to their visit again this year. Nice project LHS!!!



ROUTE 66 RED CARPET CORRIDOR SAT. MAY 1, 2021!!!!