



# JOHNSTON Historical SOCIETY

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## May Meeting

**Date:** May 28, 1997

**Time:** 4:00 P.M.

**Place:** Ankeny Historical Society  
301 S.W. 3rd Street, Ankeny, Iowa

This is the house which the Ankeny Society has acquired, and has been renovating. Representatives of the society will give us some of the history of the house, and tell us about their projects and goals.

**To get there:** Those wishing to car-pool for the ride to Ankeny may meet at City Hall no later than 3:30 P.M. on the afternoon of May 28th. Others may drive on their own.

## Dues and Membership

At the March meeting the Historical Society voted to change memberships to a calendar year from January 1 to December 31 1997. It is hoped that, and requested that, Charter members and all those who customarily pay dues in May will do so again this year, and then again in December, when all members will be asked to renew their memberships.

Dues of \$6.00 for family \$5.00 for a single membership may be sent to Johnston (Station) Historical Society, P.O. Box 109, Johnston IA 50131.

## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, April 29th, 4:00 p.m. at the Crown Point Center. Continuing in office for the second of two-year terms are: president, Mary Ann Roberts; vice-president, Mary Jane Paez; Secretary-treasurer Raymond Schliehs.

Retiring from the three-member Board of Directors is Lowell Temple. Irene Aulich was elected to take his place. Other members of the Board are Judy Bogaard and Robert Otto.

Treasurer Raymond Schliehs reported for the year receipts from dues, \$552.00; and \$482.50 in expenses.

Balance in the checking account as of March 1, 1997, \$367.85

Other business: Appointment of committees was deferred until the next meeting.



The Ways and Means committee plans a fund-raiser at the Johnston Green Days on May 3. They will sell t-shirts with the "Johnston Station Historical Society" and a drawing of the Brick House at Camp Dodge printed in green on a light cream shirt. They will also sell popcorn and root beer floats.

The Society voted to give \$25 to the Johnston Tree project.

### New Members

The Historical Society is pleased to welcome the following new members:

John & Joann Theisen  
Madrid, Iowa

Beulah Darling  
Des Moines, Iowa

Mavis & Weldon Kingsbury  
Ames, Iowa

Harry & Mary Davis  
Johnston, Iowa

Joseph & Arlene Shore  
Johnston, Iowa

Eva Frazier  
Panora, Iowa

Lloyd & Rose Busby  
Johnston, Iowa

### At the March Meeting

**Business meeting:** After some discussion the new membership year was voted on and accepted. (See note above).

The Johnston Tree Project was discussed, as was the continuing work on the History of Johnston. No action was taken on either.

**The program** presented by Ray Schleihs, with slides by Barbara Zorn, was stimulating and interesting, and featured a number of early Johnston residences - mostly farm-steads - still to be found in the Johnston area.

In addition to the Elliot House, whose history was given in the March newsletter, Ray talked about the Ed Seibert century farm and the farm home on 100th Street, south of 62nd. Ave. which was built in about 1900.

The Kinsey house was built in the 1870's, and has been added on to over the years. It is on N.W. 62nd Ave. east of N.W. 54th Street; built by Ed Kinsey, it is now the home of the Allender family.

Another substantial and attractive farm home was built by the McPherson family, early Johnston settlers. It is located on the west side of N.W. Beaver Drive just north of the N.W. 57th Ave. intersection.

The Camp Dodge House was built just before World War I, has been used as a residence, and also has housed administrative offices for Camp Dodge.

The Harding farm is located near the corner of N.W. 70th Ave. and 86th Street, on the road to Grimes. It retains many of the interior features of the original home.



Situated overlooking the Des Moines River, along N.W. Beaver Drive, the Anthony Rittgers home was built in the early days of this century. It was recently sold, and moved across the river to a location on Toni Drive.

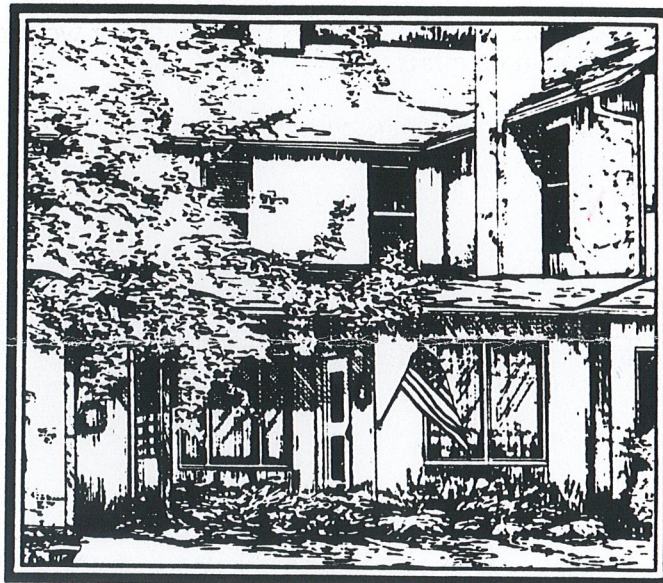
All of these early Johnston residences were built during the era of substantial home construction during the latter days of the 19th and the early years of this century. They are mostly two-storey frame homes, white painted clapboard, some exteriors with decorative wood details and scroll work, particularly in the roof gables. Some of them have fine interior wood-work, sliding doors, etc. They provide an interesting diversity in our community of contemporary ranch, and split-level homes.

Ray and Barbara also presented information on and pictures of other Johnston landmarks, and a lively discussion and exchange of information on Johnston history followed.

### T-Shirts! -- T-Shirts! --T-Shirts!

As described above, T-shirts (cotton/polyester short-sleeved) with the attractive drawing by Julia Lohrman Audlehelm (see below) of the Camp Dodge Brick House, printed in green on a light-cream T-Shirt and inscribed "Johnston Station Historical Society" are remainders from our fund-raiser.

These are really handsome t-shirts, and they are available in sizes M, L, and XL, price \$11.00 each, and XXL at \$13.00, plus \$2.00 shipping and handling. While they last-- send check to Johnston Historical Society, P.O. Box 109, Johnston, Iowa 50131.



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The Brick House

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