

METAMORA ASSOCIATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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Wagner and Belsly

Sometimes called the "Leaning building of Metamora," located next to what is now the Dollar General, this building housed Wagner and Belsly Implements and later Belsly and Belsly Implement. The business began in 1895 as an implement store and continued until the Metamora Garage bought the building and tore it down in 1941 or 42 in order to expand their parts department.



Upstairs was Sommers Hall – where dances and meetings were held. Note hitching rail in the picture on the right taken about the 1930s.



When Railroad Was King!

At right: Chicago and Alton passenger train 1914.

A 4th of July excursion to Chicago was offered for \$3 – round trip, of course!!

The station was disassembled in 1980



The Original Oakwood Cemetery

Did You Know...?

The Old Bandstand...

The first bandstand in the Park was a wooden octagonal structure. It was built about 1874 by Solomon W. Egbert, a native of Ohio, who came to Metamora in 1862. The bandstand was where the present cobblestone bandstand is located. Costing, \$265 it was 18 feet tall with a storage area below. Metamora's firemen used the storage area for their equipment. In the summer of 1931 when major repairs would be too costly, the decision was made to replace the bandstand



Old Settlers

Despite cold, rainy weather, the Old Settlers raffle did well. Lucky Heidi Harbers took home the \$100 First Prize!

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