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Final event to capture Adams County resident's stories for commemorative Bicentennial Book planned at Camp Point Library

QUINCY, IL — The Adams County Bicentennial (AC200) Commission will offer the final of a series of community events called “Bring Us Your Stories” this week. These events have assisted rural Adams County residents who would like to contribute materials to be considered for placement within the planned commemorative Adams County Bicentennial Book, set for release in 2025.

In previous weeks, AC200 volunteers were at the Golden, Mendon/Four Star, and Clayton library locations collecting materials with much success. Representatives from the Commission will be at the Camp Point Library this week and be ready to collect and/or make copies of resident's photos, articles, stories, keepsakes, and whatever else they'd like to share. Special high-resolution scanning equipment will be offered and materials will be cataloged and filed appropriately. Remaining date and location are as follows (times 6:00-7:30pm):

- **Wednesday, October 16: Camp Point Public Library, 206 E. State St., Camp Point, IL**

The Quincy Public Library (QPL) is also allowing Adams County residents to stop by their location at 526 Jersey Street in Quincy with photos and stories they'd like to be considered for the Bicentennial Book anytime during their normal business hours. Submission of materials to QPL will be ongoing. Visit their location for more details.

The Bicentennial Book Committee will offer for sale in 2025 a commemorative 8.5x11-inch, library quality “coffee-table” book which will include a detailed narrative that traces local history back to the formation of the county in 1825 through present day, along with hundreds of photographs and illustrations, bound in a beautiful hard-bound leatherette cover with gold embossed artwork on the front cover. The book is being published by Acclaim Press out of Sikeston, MO, who specialize in community histories and trade publications. Additional information about the book and ordering options is available on the Acclaim Press website: www.acclaimpress.com. More information about the Adams County Bicentennial is available online at www.adamsco200.org as well as the Bicentennial's social media pages.

The project is being directed by the Adams County Bicentennial Book Committee that includes local librarians, historians, and county leaders. Bicentennial Book Committee member and JWCC instructor of history and political science Steve Belko explains this series of events is aimed at rural residents who want to contribute materials for the commemorative book but may not have the technology or capability to adequately provide it to the Committee. “We’ve already seen a number of Adams County residents share their memories and stories with us at our two previous library locations,” said Belko. “We’re eager to continue collecting materials for this historic book that will showcase for generations to come our rich and vibrant history throughout the years. Any gathering or writing of stories or submission of photos and information Adams County residents may be able to provide at these community meet-ups would be much appreciated.”

About Adams County Bicentennial: The Adams County Bicentennial celebrates 200 years of history, resilience, and community spirit in Adams County, Illinois in the year 2025. Through a diverse range of events and initiatives, the Bicentennial aims to honor the county's heritage and engage residents and visitors alike in celebrating its contributions to the region.

For more information about the publisher, Acclaim Press, please contact them at adamsco200book@acclaimpress.com

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