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Originally opened in 1911, the charming two-story building of Bedford stone, marble, granite and terrazzo served as the Dixon Post Office until 1963. In 1978, the non-profit Lee County Council on Aging (LCCOA) obtained the building with a plan to use the lower floor for day-to-day operations. In 1996, Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. began feasibility studies to explore the renovation and functional recapturing of the upper level space.

WHA first performed an analysis of the existing structure and infrastructure, performed building code and accessibility code reviews, worked with the LCCOA to establish the needs, wants and goals for the project and assisted in preparation of grant applications to fund the project.



## POST HOUSE BALLROOM

Location: Dixon, Illinois

Client: Lee County Council on Aging

renovations, which included transforming the original large mail sorting area into a large banquet area with a caterer's serving kitchen, and new handicapped accessible restrooms, WHA prepared construction documents and provided administration of the construction contracts. The original marble wainscot, terrazzo floors and ornate plaster detailing, woodwork and stenciling, as well as the original revolving door, were successfully saved and restored to their original grandeur and seamlessly incorporated into the design renovations.

Today, the Post House Ballroom serves the community as a premier venue for a variety of events, from wedding receptions and class reunions to company functions and other public and family gatherings. Its successful and popular restoration serves as a prime example of WHA's design flexibility, dedication to historical accuracy and attention to detail.

