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**Explore the History of Pembroke Township at the Illinois State Museum**

*Award winning book featured May 6*

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Dave Baron will present stories from his book ***Pembroke: A Rural, Black Community on the Illinois Dunes***, which chronicles the history of Pembroke Township, 65 miles south of Chicago, at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield on Wed., May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Baron's book profiles a number of the colorful, longtime residents of Pembroke and considers what has enabled Pembroke to survive despite a lack of economic opportunities. The free program is part of the Illinois State Museum’s Paul Mickey Science Series on Wed., May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

The book ***Pembroke: A Rural, Black Community on the Illinois Dunes*** was recently honored by the Illinois State Historical Society and given their Award of Superior Achievement.

Each month, the Paul Mickey Science Series features a different speaker and topic in the Auditorium at the Illinois State Museum. For additional information, email events@illinoisstatemuseum.org or phone 217-782-0061.