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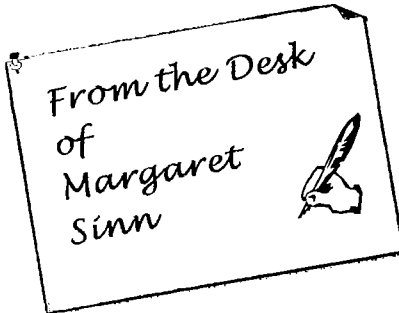
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With a New Year come new starts. My letter to the membership this time is a "testing of the waters" so to speak. As I have talked about in the past we will begin to seriously weed the collection in 2001. This does not mean that we will be getting rid of anything that has a Waseca County

connection unless we have many, many of the same item. If we can locate a family member we will be doing so. However, please understand that this is very hard for us as there are many people in the same family and we can only deal with one person. I can only tell you that we will do our best to be sensitive to the issue and the procedure. The procedure we will be using is :  
 1. Identify the object. 2. Run it threv committee so that more than one person is making the judgement call. 3. Try to notify the donor. 4. If unable to notify donor offer it to other museums. 5. Final step, if all else fails is to sell the object with funds to go to museum. These funds will be used to build the collection in needed areas.

In the same direction the board will be taking a hard look at Hodgson Hall this year. At the present time it is only open one week a year. We are unable to change many things in the hall because of the volume of the agricultural collection. We are not preserving it in the way that we should. Seven pick-up loads were taken out and put in storage several years ago to free up enough space that people would be able to better view the items left there. We plan to begin working with Farmamerica and the fair board to see what is best for all of us. If you have an opinion about Hodgson Hall please let me or a member of the board knows about it. Once again - we would like to hear your opinion and it will make a difference.

No plans are being made in regards to the one room school. If the weeding takes place as planned it will be good for it, as it will free up more funds to preserve it in the manner it should be.

Because of my many years in this field I believe that I know how each one of you feel in this area. If you have any concerns please call me and talk to me about them. I will do my very best to really listen to everyone that calls. Please be informed before you judge the society on this issue. We are over crowded here and must take steps to correct the situation. Not only are we

working with over crowding we are working with other factors also. When I write about these issues be assured that I am not judging people that have worked at the museum in the past. I am in fact very grateful to the founding fathers of this society. Without them there would be no foundation and we are fortunate indeed to be working on a very strong one. In the beginning things were coming into the museum from a used clothing place in the city. We have found things from this era such as, a child's blanket sleeper with the feet cut off, broken toys, worn out quilts, a brick from Grants Tomb gathered on a trip, a rock from the side of a creek, a child's bone from a catacomb in Rome and a broken saucer. If these things are maintained they will have to be stored in an acid free environment and kept at an even temperature in order to maintain them for the next 100 years. This is something that we are not prepared to do. These items are taking up much needed space and money. We would rather spend the time and the money to maintain the Signature Quilts from the local churches. The AKTA China from the Goodspeed family that represents an early men's club in Waseca. The buffalo coat worn by an early settler and the very large wedding dress collection worn by Waseca County women. These and other collections are the wonderful treasures for all of us to enjoy for years to come.

One of the frequent questions we get is "Why isn't everything out the way it used to be?" Quite honestly we sometimes flinch when people come in and ask us to see something they know was given here. Because of the scope of the collection and the systems used in the past to catalog it we do not always know where the item is. With the present system it is not only possible for us to store it in the proper manner it will also be possible for you to go onto the internet to our page and look at that item whenever you would like. In the same manner you will be able to go on line and look at an item we have removed from the collection. It will have the reason it was removed from the collection in an explanation below it. We really do care at the society or we would not be here. We just would like to make it better for all of us and for you not only now but also in the future.

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# WINTER IN WASECA COUNTY



*Isadora Smith Ostlund, Irene Smith Starr and Bruno. 1932.*

Most of us find the first snowfall of each winter season somewhat wondrous. That is, if the crops are harvested, silos full, the lawn and garden ornaments are stashed away and Thanksgiving has just passed. We then lie in wait for the first snow flakes to fall and cover up the last leaves of fall. We smile as mother nature blankets our yards and landscapes in smooth sheets of white. Then the holidays light up our lives with more activity than most of us can bear and then.....winter.

Some leave, most stay. What are we going to do for the next 3 months? I would guess we have different if not more options than our grandparents had in their day. Here is some of the activity that went on when our concerns and comforts were of a different nature....



ice hockey on Clear Lake, looking towards Winter's point from Thompsons Boat House. 1911



## WASECA ICE BUSINESS

*This information was written by Al Severin with the help of Vic Johnston. It can be found in the Business Files at the Bailey House Research Library.*

The ice business was started in Waseca in 1894 by W.C Johnston and Malecha Sheehan. It is located on what is now the Kiesler property. To gain experience in the business, Mr. Johnston had gone to the west coast in 1887. He spent several years working with various ice companies on the Pacific coast.

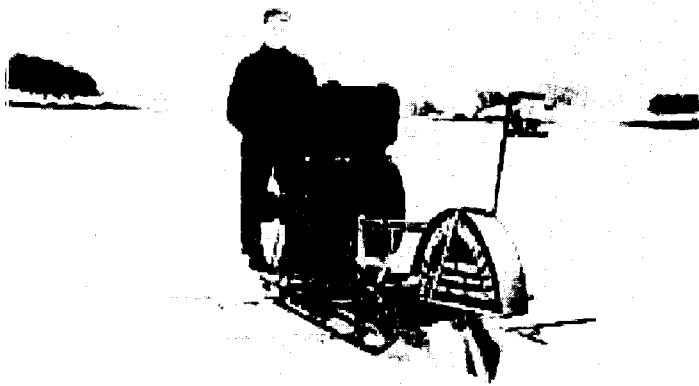
In 1911, having dissolved partnership with Mr. Sheehan, W.C. Johnston built a new ice house on 4th Ave. S.E. and the business continued to operate in that location for almost forty years.

Ice was cut from Clear Lake in cakes weighing from 400 to 600 pounds depending upon the thickness. Cakes were transported from the lake to the ice house for storage by horses and large bobsleds. Fifty teams and sleds were often involved in the hauling operation. Horses gave way to trucks in the early thirties.

When the house was filled to capacity, the sides and top of the ice were covered with hardwood sawdust for insulation against the summer heat. Until the middle thirties, when mechanical refrigerators gained popularity, virtually every home in Waseca had an icebox which was serviced with Clear lake ice. Ice was delivered by horse drawn wagons and on a hot summer day, the ice man had quite a following of children. as he cut the cake with his ax and pick to fit the specific ice box, what fun it was to salvage the bits and pieces to chew on or put down someone's neck. many businesses used large quantities of ice to cool beverages, preserve foods, etc.

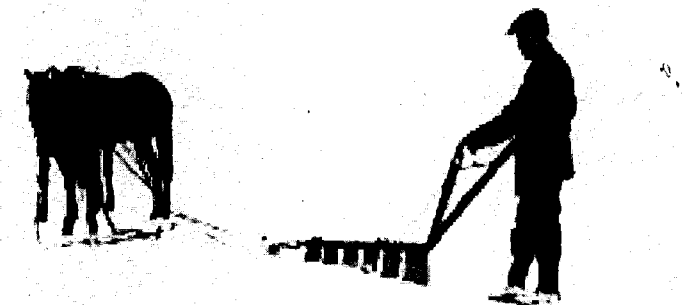
In addition to filling the Johnston ice house, ice was also cut from Clear lake to be transported by the Chicago and northwestern Railroad to a number of railway ice houses, going as far west as Huron South Dakota. This was used to fill the bunkers on refrigerated railway cars. A larger railway ice house was located on 5th Ave. S.E. just a block south of the Johnston

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building..

The ice business continued through three generations of the Johnston family-until it was not considered economically feasible to operate. This was about 1950. The modern day mechanical refrigeration had pretty well finished the natural ice business by then.



## Janesville Ice Businesses

Alma News— Milo Baldwin is getting ready to put up ice. He has built a very neat ice house and will furnish us with meat the coming year. His market will be welcomed by us, R.R. or no R.R.

*Janesville Argus, Jan.8, 1884*

Ice is being hauled from the lake in considerable quantities. Day runs a team and others also find employment.

*Janesville Argus, Jan.16,1884*

The ice taken from the lake is of a fine quality, clear and fully two feet thick.

*Janesville Argus, Jan. 29, 1884*

J.W. Hosmer has up a large ice house, well filled with a good quality ice. He puts it up for use in dairying purposes next summer.

*Janesville Argus, Feb.5, 1884*

Geo. Chandler has an ice plow and employs a man taking ice from the lake. Parties wishing ice for use now or in future, can obtain the same by notifying Mr.C.

*Janesville Argus, Feb.5,1884*

Crump and Cummins are hauling ice from the lake, and packing it. They will build a house over it and be prepared to establish ice cream headquarters in the summer. *Janesville Argus, Feb.12,1884.*

## Skates! Skates! Skates!

The most elegant layout of skates ever brought to town, just received by Pettit & Latham. The famous "New York Club", "Ice King" and "Rink" made by Barney and Berry: the celebrated "Acme," both nickel plated and blued; also Peck & Snyders "American Club," with a fine display of ladies skates, ranging in price from .75 to \$7.50. Call early and see them.

*Dec.1,1880. Waseca Journal Radical*

The Garrett Bros. have put an arc electric light on the south side of the skating rink for the accommodation of the many skaters who attend in the evening. The Commodore informs us that a masquerade will be given at the rink next Thursday evening if the weather is favorable.

*Waseca Journal, Dec. 13,1898*

On next Thursday evening, December 15, at the Clear Lake skating rink, will occur the first masquerade or ice carnival of the season. On this occasion ladies, gentlemen and spectators will be expected to pay, as the admission will be only 10 cents.

*Waseca Journal, Dec. 1898*

For an hour's adulterated fun and pleasure go to the ice carnival at Garrets rink next Saturday night and take your girl with you. It will make her feel better.

*January 11, 1898. Waseca Journal*

Sunday was almost mild enough to be called a summer day. A great many took advantage of it and drove out in their carriages to keep cool. Skaters at Garrett's rink were in their shirt sleeves, and were kept

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busy wiping the perspiration from their faces. The oldest inhabitant had to take a back seat, for even he could not remember any such warm weather on the 9th of January "away back in the 50's." The true thermometer registered 23 degrees above at sunrise and at midday 50 degrees above. From a business standpoint it would be better to have a little snow and colder weather, except, perhaps, the wood and coal men and they will have to sweat and bear it.

January 11, 1898. *Waseca Journal Radical*.

Mr. E.C. Goodspeed took a flashlight photograph of Garret's rink Saturday night when the crowd was masked. January 18, 1898. *Waseca Journal*.

The masquerade carnival at Garrett's rink Saturday night was a grand affair. It is estimated that there were at least 500 people present as participants and spectators. Some very fine costumes were worn and by common consent the "man in bloomers" was awarded first prize. If the "mysterious man" will call at the box office he will receive the token, which we understand, is a season ticket and a "thank-you-sir." There is a desire on the part of the management to maintain the proposition made by the skating fraternity to continue the mask every Saturday night during the winter, which would enable everyone to be prepared to enjoy a pleasant evening.

January 18, 1898. *Waseca Journal*.

### 1900's

#### WARMING HOUSE BROKEN INTO TWICE

*Skates stolen at Loon Lake Rink During Noon Hour Monday—Tracing Thieves*

Persons who Monday noon broke into the warming house operated by Clifford Meyers on Loon Lake, are expected to be caught within a short time according to reports. The shack, which was securely locked was broken into during the noon hour and a pair of skates and shoes, owned by the keeper were taken. The skates were picked out of a large number which were left in the house...

*Waseca Journal, Dec.29,1926*

#### SKATING RINK OPENS SUNDAY

The Waseca Public Skating Rink will open for all who care to avail themselves of the opportunity of enjoying a real skating rink next Sunday afternoon. The street commissioner and several interested local boys have been working day and night for the past week getting things in shape. The warming house will be steamed up and no one need fear the wintry blasts no matter how they come. Nate Thompson's large phonograph has been installed in the warming house so those desiring can glide their icy way to the strains of their favorite airs.....

*Waseca Herald, Jan.1,1925.*

#### SKATING FINE

*Rink Has Dandy Surface of Ice After Recent Flooding*

The skating rink was flooded Monday and froze

over with the slickest coat of ice you ever saw. It is now in the best condition it has been this season and hundreds of people are taking advantage of the condition. Skaters from many neighboring towns have been seen on the rink and the club extends a welcome to others to come and enjoy the sport.

*Waseca Journal, Feb.3,1926*

"The skating rink, erected Friday, was wrecked by the wind and thaw Sunday, we hear, but Gilman soon brought her up again. *Waseca Journal, Dec.3, 1930.*

#### ICE SKATING RINK HAS BEEN FLOODED

The skating rink at Skelly Field was given a second flooding Tuesday afternoon and is now in condition for the youngsters to skate on. There is talk now of getting a road building outfit, if one happens to be working in this vicinity next summer, to spend a few hours with a big machine and make a suitable and adequately sized rink for use in the following winter months. In the meantime the kids will have to content themselves with the present skating place on which to get their exercise...

*New Richland Star, Jan.25,1940.*

The following excerpts are from an article appearing in "County Life In America" December, 1914.

From the WCHS Collection.

#### THE SPORT OF ICE SAILING by A. Valle

To the devotee of skating or of sailing, any improvement on either sport may seem unnecessary, not to say impossible—but not if he has ever tried skate sailing. It possesses the great advantage of being enjoyable on ice too rough or too soft for ordinary skating, and the still greater one—from one point of view—that a woman can do it as well as a man, for it is not a matter of strength.

To skate sail you need be neither a skilled skater nor sailor. A moderately strong pair of ankles is essential, and then if you hold the sail—no matter how—you are bound to glide off in one direction or another. Very little experience is sufficient to enable you to steer a course and to travel faster on your own feet than you ever have before, or ever will again by any other means.

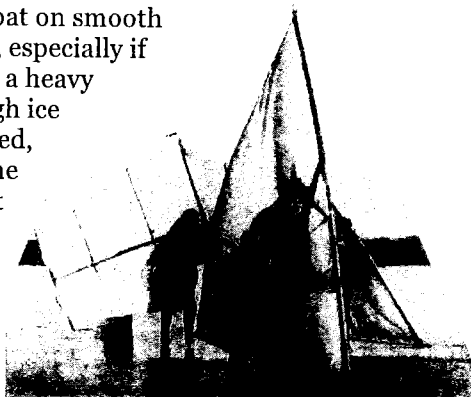
The manner of sailing with any type of sail is the same as with a boat, the skates, preferably hockey skates, serving as both rudder and keel. One feels the wind much better than in the best balanced boat, and is much more sensitive to, and can take better advantage of, the puffs and flaws. The speed is more like that of an



Magazine cover illustrated by Eugene Iverd (George Ericson). From the WCHS collection.

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ice boat, but a skate sailor can beat an ice boat on smooth ice in light winds, especially if they are puffy. In a heavy wind or over rough ice he is easily attained, and frequently one gets up to what at least seems fifty miles an hour. There is no danger in it, for if one gets into other-



wise unconquerable difficulties he can let go of the sail. The chief risk to beginners seems to be in finding themselves skating up a bank into the bushes before they learn to cast all loose in emergencies, and let the sail go sailing off as it wishes. Cracks and rough ice are easily avoided or can be taken so that they are no obstruction; as one's head is considerably higher than when in an ice boat, these can be seen ahead much sooner. Thin ice is less dangerous than in ordinary skating, on account of the greater speed, and if one is so unwary as to break through the crust of snow ice, the principle will be to the sail.....

Taken in all, skate sailing is a sport that should become increasingly popular, for after one has tried it, other ice sports seem tame in comparison. In it's favor, too, is the fact that the use of a skate sail is not confined, as is that of an ice boat, to the water on which it is built. Considering the number of days that the ice will be snowed up or melted, while there is good skating elsewhere, this greatly increases the amount of sport that can be had with a skate sail.

### Clips From the Herald

Ice-boat sailing on Clear Lake is a fashionable amusement this winter. *Janesville Argus, January 27, 1880.*

"The boys have introduced a new feature in skating. By using large sails they handle themselves like a ship and beat tack quite successfully.

*Waseca Journal Radical, Dec.5,1883*

Harlow Bierman, the twelve year old son of William Bierman, formally of this city but now of Litchfield, met with a bad accident on Tuesday evening of last week while iceboating. He dropped off the ice boat upon which he was riding in order to escape an impending collision, but was run into and his nose was broken, his upper lip loosened from its fastening at the gum and his molar bone was forced out of alignment. The boy will recover from his injuries in short time.

*Waseca Journal Radical, Dec.7,1910*

**We have ice-sail plans for building your own ice sail at the Bailey House Research Library for .25 cents a copy.**

### More from the WCHS Newspaper files.....

Bill Keyes undertook to make a battering ram of his nose the past week and that member is now in deep mourning on account of it. Thats what we say. He says while pushing a 200 pound piece of ice up a plank, his feet slipped letting the bridge of his nose drop onto that piece of ice and mash it—the ice of course.  
*Janesville Argus, feb. 17, 1880.*

NOT AN EARTHQUAKE.—Did you feel the jar of mother earth last week? Well Carpenter's sleigh tipped over and threw him out. We mention it for fear some might have thought it an earthquake.  
*Janesville Argus, Feb.10, 1880.*

While hunting on the farm of Seth Phelps last week, A.McConnell shot a wildcat which measured four feet and eight inches from tip to tip. The animal showed fight, but mcConnell was too quick for it.

Our neighbors the wolves, are growing social. One stood up and interviewed Lon Cummins in the road just west of Mr. Petty's the past week. Wasn't very rantankerous but Lon thought he didn't act friendly. He was a big fellow and not disposed to give over half the road which Lon took and drove on leaving Mr. Wolf meditating.

Speaking of cold, and Minnesota being too far north, here now Wm. Doust has laid upon our table a dozen stalks of fine pie plant, tender as a youth at fifteen and sour as an old maid at forty. Don't know how he grew it but grew it he did and we never saw better. Put that in your southern pipes for a smoke.  
*Janesville Argus, Feb.3, 1880.*



## ON DISPLAY AT WCHS



As we ponder the thought of family treasures it conjures up different images for all of us. Possibly a special ornament given by a loved one who is no longer with us. An ancestors journal or diary causing fond recollections or clues to the past. Possibly fine china brought over from your families country of origin or perhaps photographs. Whatever the item they reach special places in our hearts and open the door of memory. Please join us for the Museums look at "Family Treasures". The show will open in February and run through May.



Check our website for new Spring items in the WCHS Gift Shop.



## THE 2000 WCHS "FESTIVAL OF TREES"

The "Festival of Trees" opening weekend was December 2 and 3. We had over 500 visitors to the WCHS museum.

**The Visitor's Choice first place winner was the Waseca Garden**

**Club. The second place winner was Sacred Heart Children's Club Montessori Pre-School, and third place went to Palmer Sunbeams 4H troop. Cash prizes of \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00 were awarded to the winners.**

Thank you to all who participated in displaying a tree. The trees this year were exceptional! We hope everyone enjoyed the event as much as we did.

The following people volunteered their time or baked goods for this event:

Marita Wadd, Bonnie Baffoe, Jeannette Krause, Rod Searle, Dan Swenson, Karen Lechner, Jody Johnson, Phyllis Suemnick, Jan Schroeder, Don Zwach, Boy Scout Troop 85 and Cub Scout pac 85.

Our cookies this year were donated by, Dan Swenson, Linda Taylor, Margaret Wynnemer, Sheila Morris and Ann Jaycox.



### The Winners of the YSL Snowman Raffle

were: Freddy Chase, Caryn Wendt, Diane Lewer, Kathy Maxon, Kathryn Larson and Jane Mulcahey.

**The Winner of the Peg Mawby Santa** was Bonita Ackman.

Thanks again to **Peg Mawby of Oma's Antiques** and YSL students Lindsay Wadd, Jayme Larson, Heather Treat and Marie Mulcahey.



## SPRING LUNCHEON LECTURE SERIES

**The WCHS Spring Luncheon Lecture Series will begin Thursday, March 15.**

The March topic will be "Designing With Flowers" Our guest speaker will be Ardith (Bjelde) Beveridge. Ardith is known to many in Waseca. She resided in Waseca before moving to Minneapolis where she serves as director/instructor at the Koehler & Dramm Institute of Floristry. Ardith was one of the few floral designers selected to create the arrangements for the 2001 Presidential Inaugural Ball and other related festivities. Ardith will share her stories about the event and what it was like to be a part of the production. As she creates fresh arrangements we will learn about floral design and how to arrange flowers for our own homes.

**The cost for the luncheon is \$10.50 for non-members and \$10.00 for members. You may sign up today but all reservations must be paid by Friday, March 9. No refunds will be given past March 9.**

**Wednesday, April 18**, in correlation with the current show at WCHS "Family Treasures", the **April Luncheon** will precede a free workshop entitled "Preserving Your Own Treasures." The presenter will be **Conservator Bob Herskovitz from the Minnesota Historical Society**. The luncheon will take place from noon to 1 pm., during which Bob will discuss different objects to be preserved brought in by members of the audience. He will demonstrate storing and displaying your treasures as well. After the luncheon Bob will remain at the museum and we invite the public to bring in more items for Bob to examine. This portion of the program is presented as part of the MHS Conservation Outreach Program. **The cost of the Luncheon is \$10.00 for members and \$10.50 for non-members. You can call in your reservation ahead however...Paid reservations must be in by Friday April 13. No refunds will be issued after this date. Noon to 1 pm. is for luncheon guests only. After pm. the workshop is open to the public.**

**The last workshop will be held Thursday, May 24. The topic will be "Art Wallpapers, by Bradbury and Bradbury." The presenter will be Barbara Bearman and Jeff Rossi from Yofee Interior Design.** Barbara will present a 10 minute video of these wonderful wallcoverings used in restoration projects. Barbara and her assistant, "master wall paper hanger" Jeff, will give you insights on hanging wallpapers of this type. **The cost of the luncheon is \$10.00 members and \$10.50 for non-members. Paid reservations must be in by Friday May 18. No refunds will be given after May 18.**

**We hope you can join us for another wonderful series! Call to register at (507) 835-7700.**

THE WCHS  
 "FESTIVAL OF TREES 2000"



Thank You to the following people and businesses for their donations toward the YSL Snowman Project:  
 Charlies Hardware, Walmart, Associated Lumber, Salvation Army (Nifty Thrifty), Marita Wadd, Jeanette Krause and Margaret Sinn.

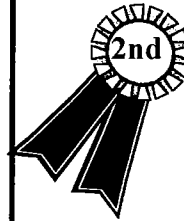
Thank you to the Waseca Chorale for performing for our visitors.

VIEWER'S CHOICE WINNERS

The Waseca  
 Garden Club




Sacred Heart  
 Children's House  
 Montessori Preschool



Palmer Sunbeams  
 4 H Troop



CONGRATULATIONS !

 WCHS Mother's Day Plant Sale!  
 Sat. May 12.  
 Watch for time and location!

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Beatrice Webb, Helen Spencer and Luverne Miller,  
1920.( Notice iceboat in the background).



### *Memorials*

Selmer Storlie, Derrold Storlie  
John Somers, Ruth Wiste  
Arvella M. Westerlund

- ◆ WCHS is the proud recipient of the James J. Donahue Community Development Award.
- ◆ Our President Donald Wynnemer received the Don Eustice Community Service Award.
- ◆ Board Member John Hanson won the Distinguished Service Award.

These awards are annually given by the Waseca Area Chambers of Commerce.

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# WAGS RAG

## WASECA AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Meet the Second Wednesday of each month at the Waseca County Historical Society, 7:00 p.m.

*Welcome!!*

The Waseca Area Genealogical Society welcomes everyone to attend our meetings and events held throughout the year.

### RESEARCH PIZZA PARTY – February 9 – 6:00 p.m.

Come and join us for a night of researching your family history at our own Research Center at the Lewer House. Plan on spending a fun-filled evening!!

### BEATITUDES OF A FAMILY GENEALOGIST

*by Wilma Mauk*

Blessed are the great-grandfathers, who saved embarkation and citizenship papers, for they tell WHEN they came.

Blessed are the great-grandmothers, who hoarded newspaper clippings and old letters, for they tell the STORY of their time.

Blessed are the grandfathers, who filed every legal document, for these provide the PROOF.

Blessed are the grandmothers, who preserved family Bibles and diaries, for these are our HERITAGE.

Blessed are fathers, who elect officials that answer letters of inquiry, for – to some – the ONLY LINK to the past.

Blessed are mothers, who relate family TRADITIONS and LEGENDS to the family, for one of her children will surely remember.

Blessed are relatives, who fill in family sheets with extra data, for to them we owe our FAMILY HISTORY.

Blessed is any family, whose members strive for the PRESERVATION OF RECORDS, for this is a labor of love.

Blessed are the children who will never say, "Grandma, you told that old story twice today".

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## *Narratives of Our Pioneers*

We thought you might enjoy reading a little of the past. Following is a column reprinted from a Waseca paper entitled "Narratives of Our Pioneers". If you find this interesting and would like more; call the Historical Society and give us your opinion. We have plenty more to share.

*Friday, July 7, 1911*

When one commences to write the experiences of the pioneers of this county it is surprising, the number that have passed to their final resting place. Many of the sturdy old settlers who struggled against the adversities of the early days in the county are now sleeping in the little cemetery near the church, while their children are enjoying the fruits of their efforts. These respected old people, whose ranks are becoming so thin, accomplished as much in their lives as our greatest statesmen. They came here and built homes, raised honorable families that have been a comfort to their old age, and left the world in a better condition because they lived.

John Murphy, formerly of St. Mary but now of this city, is one of those sincere, honest old gentlemen who are still living and with whom it is a real pleasure to visit. He came to this county with several other settlers in 1858 from Astabula, Penn. He arrived with his family in the month of June and came to Waseca County at once. They went to the old town of St. Mary and he purchased 80 acres of land near there, for \$300. It is part of the old homestead on which his son John is now living. That same piece of land would now be worth between six and seven thousand dollars.

Mr. Murphy did not locate permanently upon his land at that time but went to Faribault, where he resided for two years. During the time he lived at that place he was engaged in the railroading business.

In the spring of 1860 he came over and broke some of the land and put in a crop. He also built a log house and in July brot his family here to reside. With him, as with all his neighbors, the times were hard for a few years and he often became discouraged. He left a good position in the East, where he had been an expert brickmaker, to search for a home in this "wild and woolly" country. "Go West" had been the cry, but few of the newcomers who had been accustomed to the advantages and conveniences of the populated districts of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New York, realized what the words, "Go West" meant, until they arrived here.

But Mr. Murphy was no tenderfoot; tho his wildest anticipations of the hardships of the new country were more than fulfilled, he determined to remain. There was positively noting here to induce one to stay except bleak, uncultivated prairies, hundreds of Indians and a firm hope that the future would bring something better.

The harvest of the first year was not so bountiful that it took a very large granary in which to store it. He tilled but a small piece of ground and did not market his first crop but had the wheat ground. The first bread from the grain that they raised was made by his wife that fall. The first hog that he raised was also killed and put into their own salt barrel for home use. Mr. Murphy believed that in order to attain any degree of happiness, settlers, as well as anyone else, must be least have enuf to eat, and rather than sell the products of the farm to purchase other necessaries, he first saw that the table at which his family assembled was well provided.

During the Indian massacre in 1862, he and many other neighbors moved their families to Faribault where they lived in the basement of the Catholic church until the scare was over. The men folks returned and guarded their homes as best they could during the day. About twenty of them would spend the nights together so that they could put sup some defense in case they were attacked. Fortunately, no harm ever befell them, altho Mr. Murphy's farm was within a mile of one side of the Winnebago reservation. He says, however, that the Winnebagoes were not hostile unless they were intoxicated. The great fear at that time was that the excitement would cause an uprising among this tribe, but during the Indian massacre the Winnebagoes in this county never caused any trouble.

About a year after this he made a trip to Massachusetts to visit a sister. He was still discouraged and downhearted about his new home and the prospects. While visiting there an incident occurred that caused him to decide permanently upon remaining in the West. He met a man that offered him eight dollars a month if he would work for him on a farm. Mr. Murphy smiled at the offer and said that if he must work for that wage he would rather apply his energies in the West. The prospective employer then raised the amount to \$12 a month. He urged Mr. Murphy to accept, stating that if he went West he would go railroading and spend the money. With his characteristic Irish wit, Mr. Murphy replied that it would not take him long to spend \$12 a month wherever he lived. The man saw that there was no chance to engage the serves of the determined settler and he said, "Young man, go back and stick to it and you'll succeed. You have the right spirit and cannot fail. There will be times that you will regret that you settled in that wild country but if you remain thru thick and thin you will be satisfied in the long run." Mr. Murphy said that the advice inspired him and when he returned he went to work with renewed energy. Many years have passed and he now says that the talk he had that day in Massachusetts was most influential in keeping him on his newly acquired possessions.

As the years past, conditions began to change and times became more prosperous. Mr. Murphy remained on the farm until he saw the sulky plow supplant the hoe; the reaper and binder take the place of the flail; the brick mansion built on the ground where the log cabin once stood. He witnessed the evolution of the means of transportation from the snail-like yoke of oxen to the mile-a-minute automobile, and saw expensive railroads built in the places that were once Indian trails.

He purchased more land each year that he could afford it. When he moved to this city in 1901, he left one of the finest farms in St. Mary Township. He resides in the west part of town, with his daughter, Mrs. Bird. He is in good health and it is hoped that he will be able to greet his friends for many years to come.

## Waseca City Census - 1934 Continues

Last Name	First Name	Age	Address	City	Occupation	Own Home Car	
Kletschka	Adeline	18	209 3rd St. N.E.	Waseca	Student		
Kletschka	Edward	20	209 3rd St. N.E.	Waseca	Student		
Kletschka	William	16	209 3rd St. N.E.	Waseca	Student		
Kletschka	Geraldine	14	209 3rd St. N.E.	Waseca	Student		
Klinger	Frank	53	608 7th St. S.E.	Waseca	Laborer		
Klinger	Mrs. Frank	47	608 7th St. S.E.	Waseca	Housewife		
Klinger	Harley	16	608 7th St. S.E.	Waseca	None		
Klinger	Mae Dean	11	608 7th St. S.E.	Waseca	Student		
Klinger	Wesley	9	608 7th St. S.E.	Waseca	Student		
Klinger	Normand	4	608 7th St. S.E.	Waseca	Child		
Klinger	Luella	21	608 7th St. S.E.	Waseca	Housewalk		
Klinger	Adeline	22	708 S. State St.	Waseca	Swift	No	No
Klinger	Martha	20	708 S. State St	Waseca	Swift	No	No
Leo	Klohe	33	711 3rd St. S.W.	Waseca	Painter	No	No
Klohe	Margaret	24	711 3rd St. SW	Waseca	Stenographer	No	No
Klohe	Mrs. Otto	54	711 3rd St. SW	Waseca	Housewife	Yes	No
Knough	L.H.	33	815 E Elm Ave	Waseca	Teacher	No	Yes
Knough	Angeline	28	815 E Elm Ave	Waseca	Housewife		
Knough	Mary	2	815 E Elm Ave	Waseca	Child		
Knutson	Andy	34	103 2nd St. NW	Waseca	Plumbing	No	No
Knutson	Pearl	31	103 2nd St NW	Waseca	Housewife		
Knutson	Richard	8	103 2nd St NW	Waseca	Student		
Knutson	Harry	7	103 2nd St NW	Waseca	Student		
Knutson	Donald	5	103 2nd St NW	Waseca	Child		
Knutson	Carl	39	817 4th Ave SE	Waseca	Plumber	No	Yes
Knutson	Edith	35	817 4th Ave SE	Waseca	Housewife		
Knutson	Gena	60		Waseca	Cook	Yes	Yes
Knutson	G.E.	68	613 3rd St NE	Waseca	Plumber	Yes	No
Knutson	Hilda	62	613 3rd St. NE	Waseca	Housewife		
Knox	P.H.	39	708 E Elm Ave	Waseca	Produce Mgr.	No	Yes
Knox	Oliva	36	708 E Elm Ave	Waseca	Housewife		
Knox	Vivian	16	708 E Elm Ave	Waseca	Student		
Knox	Patty	13	708 E Elm Ave	Waseca	Student		
Knox	John	10	708 E Elm Ave	Waseca	Student		
Knox	Emmet	8	708 E Elm Ave	Waseca	Student		
Knox	Roger	4	708 E Elm Ave	Waseca	Child		