



## *From the Co-Directors*

*Joan Mooney & Sheila Morris*

**W**e are wrapping up our busy holiday season just in time to greet the new year. We would like to express our gratitude to our members, governing board, community businesses and individuals who helped us reach our 150th Birthday Gift Capital Campaign goal in less than one year. Because of the support we were able to replace our furnaces and air-conditioners in the Museum, install new lighting in the Museum kitchen and Gift Shop, and purchase an efficient printer/copier. Many of you designated significant donations to several of our endowment funds to secure the future of WCHS. The balance of the campaign fund has been designated to projects listed in the campaign report.

With all that said we are left with the continuing challenge of meeting the rising cost of operating and staffing two facilities. We as Co-Directors are scrutinizing the budget as we anticipate a cut in County and City appropriations. Waseca County has approved our appropriation for 2009 at \$60,000. 2010 is not looking good. This money is used for operating expenses and accounts for nearly half of our total budget. The City of Waseca appropriation has been \$8,000 per year. In 2008 the Waseca City Council and staff spent considerable time creating a funding program referred to as Community Enhancement Funding. Our application has been approved, but this, too still depends on what the state legislature and Governor Pawlenty decide regarding LGA-Local Government Aid.

These appropriations provide critical dollars for salaries, maintenance, utilities and other costs of keeping the doors of the museum and research library open.

Operational funding cannot be received through grants. Our other sources of revenue come from memberships, donations, fundraising events and Gift Shop sales.

Our programs like the Ice Harvest, Spring Luncheon Lecture Series and Chautauqua are either all volunteer or made possible by grants. Because of grants received we have kept ticket prices close to cost or almost free.

For Ice Harvest 2009 on February 11, we are asking participating schools for a donation of \$2.00 per student. The money will be used to reimburse volunteers for gas,

and other expenses for producing the event.

Our Spring Luncheon-Lecture Series ticket price covers the cost of the catered lunch and production costs. Most of the guest speaker fees are paid for by a grant from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

Our Chautauqua 2009 (July 5, 2009) event is funded by a grant from the E.F. Johnson Foundation and Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. Admission has always been

a nickel for adults, "children and servants free" as in the 1880s. It is likely we will have to charge an admission cost of \$2.00 per adult--children and servants free.

Admission to our museum will still be free, however we are considering shortening the number of hours we are open. The WCHS "Retro" Gift Shop delighted our holiday visitors. Gift Shop sales were good

and we are continuing to accept "Retro" donations for the Gift Shop.

**Memberships and donations** to the Waseca County Historical Society are the best way you can help us! We need to maintain an operating budget of \$139,000 to continue our services, pay staff, maintain our facilities and provide quality programs. We will need to generate additional dollars to compensate for the potential reduction or elimination of appropriations from our County and City.

Please contact Joan or Sheila about the different ways you can contribute to WCHS, (507) 835-7700 or email: [director@historical.waseca.mn.us](mailto:director@historical.waseca.mn.us).

Dr. Wes Rethwill with Co-Director Joan Mooney at the Retro-Christmas exhibit.



## ANNUAL REPORT

### 2008

*Look Forward  
to Our Past*

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**NEW HOURS!**

**Museum, Research Library & Gift Shop**  
Closed Mondays, Open Tuesdays-Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Saturdays by appointment only, call (507) 835-7700**



# Winter Calendar

**February 11, 2009**

**Annual Ice Harvest on Clear Lake**

The public is invited to participate or observe the old-fashioned methods of bringing “refrigeration” into homes before electrical appliances were available. Area fifth-graders get to experience the techniques of scoring, cutting (by hand) and hauling 18-inch blocks of solid ice into the ice house and preserving it through the summer months. *How did they do that?*

**February 1—Spring Exhibit: “A Sense of Style”**

Recently WCHS received a beautiful collection of dresses from the Rethwill family, which inspired us to create a spring exhibit about what it meant to *dress up* in the past. Do we still dress up? Did you play *dress up* as a child? Do you remember dress styles of the 1940s, 50s and 60s?

**Spring Luncheon-Lectures:**

Come for lunch and a presentation by an interesting speaker. Lunch is served promptly at 12 noon, the speaker will finish by 1 p.m. so you can get back to work if necessary. Come early to browse the Museum Retro Shop! Luncheon reservations, call (507) 835-7700; Members \$10, Non-members \$12.

**March 26—Genealogist & Writer, Author Joan Claire Graham, “The Importance and Fun of Recording Your Own Family History”.**

**April 23—Photographer, Doug Ohman, “Minnesota’s State Parks”**-One of our favorite and most popular speakers, Doug comes back with yet another book published by the Minnesota State Historical Society Press.

**May 28—Writer, Susan Price Davis, “Northern Treasure-The History of the Minnesota Arboretum”**  
Last year the book didn’t get printed until the week *after* our scheduled date to have Susan speak. This year she’s back to present those beautiful photographs of the Arboretum!

**Friday, May 1—May Pole Dance**

With May Day Basket activity for second-graders, we hope to have a May Day Pole dance outside in one of our area parks.

**NEXT YEAR’S HOLIDAY EXHIBIT:**

We already have next year’s holiday exhibit in the works. “Christmas Night at the Museum: A Doll House Walk”—If you have a doll house that you would like to decorate for our holiday exhibit, call and join us in the planning. This exhibit will need all year to find and make “tiny decorations”!

## BOARD NEWS

### Waseca County Historical Society Elects New Board Members

The WCHS Annual Meeting was held on Monday, October 20, 2008 in Janesville, at Faith Lutheran Church. The meeting was attended by WCHS members who enjoyed a visual presentation of 2008 Highlights, and then “Reminiscences” by speaker, Ivan Maas. New Board members elected to the WCHS Board of Directors are: **Neta Oelke, Scott Roemhildt, Tom Piche and Jim Peterson** (Waseca County). **Jean Lundquist and Boyd Abbe** were re-elected for second terms. Jerry Rutledge, President of the Board presided at the meeting with comments by Co-Directors Joan Mooney and Sheila Morris. Other current members of the 15-person board include: **Jim King, Vice-President; Jean Lundquist, Secretary; and Dan Swenson, Treasurer; Henry Lewer, Don Wynnemer, Don Zwach, Rod Searle, Jim Tippy, Rev. Charles Espe, Al Rose** (Waseca City Council).

The WCHS Constitution and By-Laws were revised during the preceding months and unanimously approved by the membership attending.

Some of the 2008 highlights noted: Overall membership is up at 631 from all over Waseca County, half from all over the U.S. plus Japan, Canada and Norway. It is possible to join online; and one must be a member to obtain the searchable data that is available on the WCHS website: [www.historical.waseca.mn.us](http://www.historical.waseca.mn.us). The WCHS website receives over 1,000 hits per day. Visits and participation is up this year with increasing popularity of WCHS annual events—Ice Harvest on February 11 and the Chautauqua on July 5. This year Hodgson Hall was renovated with upgraded interior lighting and exhibit spaces. Over 3,000 visitors saw the exhibit “The Townships: 150 Years of Grassroots Government” brought over from the main museum.

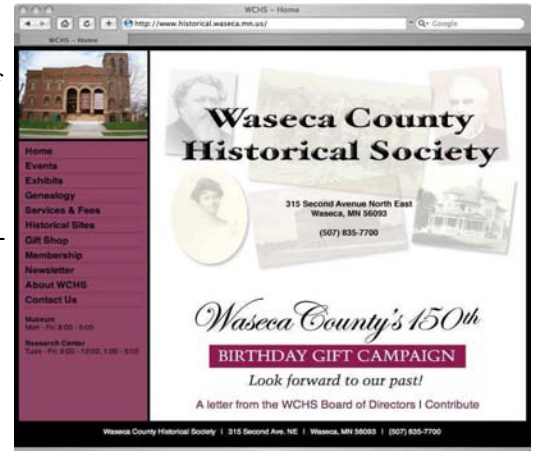
The Board of Directors spent hours over three sessions in October and November forming a Strategic Plan for the next five years. You will see as parts of the Plan are implemented. (Copies of the Strategic Plan are available by contacting Sheila Morris or Joan Mooney—[director@historical.waseca.mn.us](mailto:director@historical.waseca.mn.us).)



Above: Volunteers at the WCHS Annual Meeting held at Faith Lutheran Church in Janesville are: Pastor Nancy Hansen, Sue Clayton, Jennifer Bangs, and Arlene Pooley. Below left: WCHS members enjoy a catered supper before the Annual Meeting business meeting. L-R: Barbara and Jim King, Don Wynnemer, Mrs. Henry Lewer

### New Hours for Museum and Research Library

The Waseca County Historical Society is implementing new hours for the Museum and Research Library, in an effort to cut operating costs. The Society has received notice of approval of 2009 funding from Waseca County, and also the City of Waseca Community Enhancement Program, but both are contingent upon how much of their respective aid from the state of Minnesota will be maintained or cut.



Just as WCHS was poised to take greater strides in its staffing, programming, visibility after the success of its 150<sup>th</sup> Capital Campaign, the economic downturn happened and has affected everything.

The new hours of both the Waseca County Museum and the Bailey-Lewer Research Library, effective February 1:

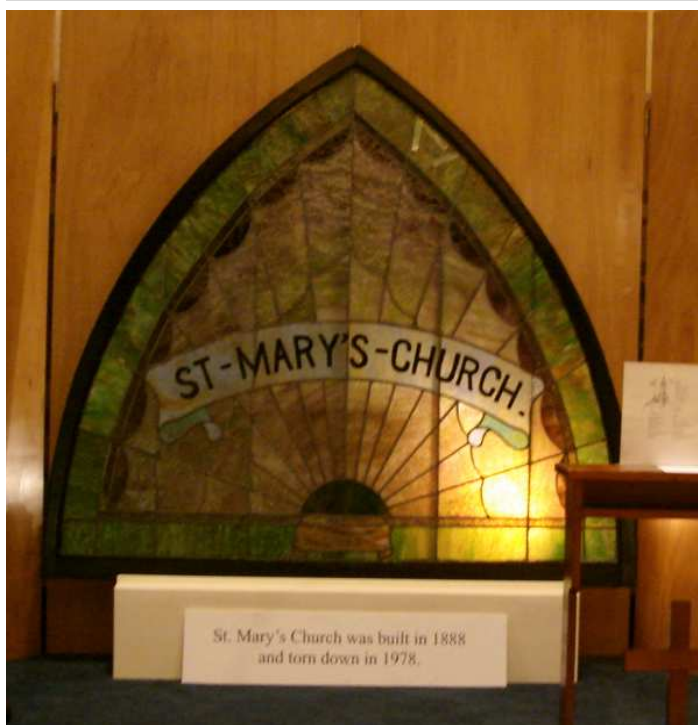
**Closed Mondays**  
**Open Tues-Fri, 9-5**  
**Saturdays by appointment, (507) 835-7700**

Though not likely this year, WCHS eventually intends to be open on Saturdays—when the permanent exhibits are completed and a roster of volunteer docents are in place.

However, all WCHS members and the public should remember that the WCHS collection is still online, with over 35,000 artifacts—including 13,000 photographs, and over 250,000 records. Visit: [www.historical.waseca.mn.us](http://www.historical.waseca.mn.us)



*Photographs of Merry Retro Christmas exhibit in December 2008*



### St. Mary's Church Stain Glass Window Needs Restoration

The original stained glass window that was mounted above the main door of the 1880s church in St. Mary Township is in need of restoration and better display. For over one year it has been displayed at the museum as a key artifact of the Township exhibit, resting nicely on the back wall of the corner stage. We must move it to what we hope will be its permanent place—and that is the upper level of the museum to be part of the Waseca County Timeline, representing the county's early religious history. It is very fragile and any unnecessary movement must be avoided. Our intention is to have the leading and the wood frame of the window evaluated, restored, and then have a proper case built to house and display it permanently.

**For this purpose we are asking for designated donations which will go to match or supplement grant funds to accomplish this purpose. For further information please contact Sheila Morris, (507) 835-7700.**

## Thanks to Volunteers, Supporters & Donors!

We want to thank the following individuals and organizations for recent assistance. These are generous, wonderful people!

Among some of our correspondence we often get nice comments like this one about our website and about our very talented researcher:

“Linda Taylor has done a great job of helping me with information about my Hurdelbrink ancestors. Enjoyed browsing your website. It is very attractive visually and easy to navigate.”

*Katy Black*

*Crawford County, AK*

### **Thank you for help with the Annual Meeting:**

Ivan Maas, Faith Lutheran Church-Janesville, Margaret Drager, Jean Lundquist, Pastor Nancy Hansen, Sue Clayton, Jennifer Bangs, and Arlene Pooley. **To the Elders** for assistance every Monday and Wednesday, they help move heavy objects, change out the signs, take out-put away artifacts, move boxes, fold cards or brochures, distribute posters, etc. **For a new appropriation:** Janesville City Council **For donations and loans of artifacts for Merry RetroChristmas:** Donna Bergerson, Dr. Wes Rethwill, Grace Galvin, Sig Thompson, Joan Mooney, Waseca Music. To Jan Sonnek for donation of additional holiday lights and greens. **Thanks to Deb Yess and the WHS Choir** for entertainment during the Merry Retro Christmas Open House on December 6. They were beautiful to hear and look at! **For decorated Christmas trees:** Sacred Heart’s Children’s House, ECFE, and the Neighborhood Service Center. **To Don Wynnemer** for more fixing and painting around the museum building, particularly the repair of the men’s bathroom facility, and continued improvements in the collection storage areas.

### **Museum Gets a New PA System**

Recently, the museum’s public address system was overhauled. Our old system was falling apart and becoming difficult to use. Board member, Dan Swenson, salvaged as many components as possible from the old unit. George Kastle, a WCHS member and a fine woodworker, and Dan constructed a robust new speaker box using a speaker board donated by Brad Field from New Richland. Joel Mathiason of Corchran’s of Waseca, contributed a metal plate for the connection area. We trust that our museum visitors will now be able to hear better at our various programs and meetings. Thanks to our contributors for their donations of time, talent and materials.

### **New Needs and Projects:**

Here are some other projects or needs that could be accomplished with your time or expertise. Let us know!

- New video table
- New audio stand
- Volunteer electrician to re-wire the Herter stove
- Used vacuum cleaner
- Answering Machine

*If you have the time and basic skills to assist staff, please contact Sheila or Joan at 835-7700. Just an hour or two when you have time will help so much. This year we will need more regular volunteers to assist staff. Here are some jobs to consider:*

### **Assistant / Library & Archives**

The Bailey-Lewer House Research Center & Library is where the archives, probates, library, microfilm, and family-business-organization files are available for researchers. Time requirements depend on the project. For ongoing projects, volunteers should be able to put in time regularly, during regular hours. Volunteers may be asked to handle archival material and will have to follow careful handling instructions. **Skills:** Attention to detail, interest in research, ability to keyboard information.

### **Assistant / Collections Processing**

This position requires careful handling of artifacts. Volunteers must follow specific instructions to record basic data about artifacts. This position must be supervised directly and requires specialized training and work during regular museum hours. **Skills:** Ability to follow detailed instructions, a certain amount of dexterity and care while handling artifacts, interest in historical details, good penmanship, typing.

### **Gift Shop Assistant**

Be responsible for Gift Shop displays of merchandise, tagging, assisting with inventory maintenance, occasional dusting and seasonal set-up of items, signage for specials and sales, assembly of note card sets, attend the gift shop during Museum events, open house, luncheon, etc. Assist shoppers with information, process purchases. **Hours:** As needed and as available. **Skills:** Ability to run cash register, friendly and personable with visitors; have basic knowledge of museum hours, current exhibit, staff contacts, services.

### **Exhibit Assistant**

Basic assistance with setting up or taking down an exhibit, following the exhibit schedule. Must follow basic guidelines for handling artifacts with direction.

### **Event Committee Assistant**

Assisting the Committee Chair with coordinating and contacting people involved with the event. Attending planning meetings, assist with publicity and set-up of the event. Attend the event and greet people, ensure that all visitor sign the guest book. Count visitors using a counting device. Major annual events are: Chautauqua at Maplewood Park in July, Ice Harvest on Clear Lake in February; May Day event with second-graders; Spring Luncheons—assist with set-up, serving, clean-up, counting visitors, etc. **Skills:** Cheerful, positive person able to work with others on a committee; able to take direction and responsibility for a task. Knowledge of the community and businesses is very helpful. Computer skills helpful but not necessary.

# Waseca County's 150th

## BIRTHDAY GIFT CAMPAIGN

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### \*Donation made in 2008

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Contributions of \$10,000 and more

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## Waseca Area Foundation's Philanthropy Fair— Sunday, February 8

The Waseca County Historical Society will participate with a booth and activities at this Sunday afternoon event. It all starts at 1 p.m. and goes until 4 p.m.

This is an event for the whole family. Come and learn about area non-profit organizations and how they contribute to the quality of life here. Also learn about all of the many funds of the Waseca Area Foundation. It is just over 25 years old and it has grown tremendously because of the combined generosity of so many individuals and businesses of the community.

WCHS will have hula hoops and family trees to create and color. And, we hope to have a laptop online to demonstrate our searchable website—good reasons to join us, good reasons to come and learn about Waseca County history!

# ANNUAL HISTORIC ICE HARVEST

February 11, 2009

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Clear Lake Park

*Public invited!*

There are six funds in the Waseca Area Foundation that benefit the Waseca County Historical Society. The principle amount will *always* be maintained, *never* to be spent:

The first endowment fund established for WCHS was the **Edgar F. and Ethel Johnson Fund**.

The **WCHS Endowment Fund** was started by our Board of Directors and then Executive Director, Margaret Sinn, with a substantial anonymous donation from one of our members. The

**Phil Allen Fund** was established by his family and friends to specifically benefit the Bailey-Lewer Research Library. The

**Frank and Barbara Goodspeed Memorial Fund** was started by their niece, Dorothy Moriarty. Our most generous fund came from

**Jerry and Linda Rutledge** in 2006. And in 2008 they created a Charitable Remainder Trust in the amount of

\$500,000 which will eventually benefit WCHS when Jerry and Linda have passed. Our most recent fund, the

**Wes and Carol Rethwill History Fund**, was started as a donation to the 150th campaign by Dr. Wes Rethwill, Jr. We are so grateful to all of these individuals for the kind

of support that will last forever!



# Waseca County's 150<sup>th</sup>

## BIRTHDAY GIFT CAMPAIGN

*Look forward to our past!*

### Waseca County Historical Society: 150<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY GIFT CAMPAIGN CASH FLOW

December 31, 2008

#### INCOME

Pledges For All Funds, as of 12/31/2008*	168,103.93	
Pledges For All Funds PAID, as of 12/31/2008**	<u>160,653.93</u>	160,653.93
Pledges, yet to be paid	7,450.00	

#### EXPENSES

##### *Transfers to Foundation Funds:*

Phil Allen Fund	1,935.00	
Frank and Barbara Goodspeed Memorial Fund	20,000.00	
Edgar F. and Ethel Johnson Fund	100.00	
WCHS Endowment Fund	10,540.00	
Jerry and Linda Rutledge Heritage Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>	
	42,575.00	42,575.00

Wes and Carol Rethwill History Fund held by MN Community Foundation on behalf of WCHS		25,000.00
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##### *Allocated Expenses:*

Artifact Storage Shelving (07)	2,324.00	
Furnaces & Installation, minus rebate (07)	10,965.00	
Copier/Printer (07)	6,350.00	
Fundraising expenses	455.18	
Additional Artifact Storage Shelving (08)	123.05	
Steel Hand Truck (08)	465.69	
Fluorescent Lighting Update Museum Bldg (08)	1,071.00	
Used Computer for Library (08)	275.00	
20" Flat Monitor for Library (08)	239.00	
20" Flat Monitor for Bookkeeper Station (08)	239.00	
File Cabinet (08)	160.00	
Fax Machine	85.15	
3 Server Back-up External Drives (08)	374.85	

Total Allocated Expenses	23,126.92	23,126.92
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**Net Cash Increase/Decrease from Campaign 69,952.01**

\*Includes \$25,000 pledge made directly to the Waseca Area Foundation-Minnesota Community Foundation creating the Wes and Carol Rethwill History Fund on behalf of the Waseca County Historical Society.

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Waseca County Historical Society: **GENERAL FUND CASH FLOW REPORT**, December 31, 2008

**INCOME**

*Contributed Support*

Appropriations	\$ 69,519.35
Grant Income	30,580.97
Donations	8,637.18
Memorials	1,065.00
Inkind Services	900.00
WCHS Endowment Fund Annual Distribution	2,186.47
Designated Pledges Received	13,765.00
Undesignated Pledges Received	31,355.00

*Earned Revenue*

Memberships	8,067.78
Program Income	4,191.64
Gift Shop	5,480.45
Interest Income	1,322.31
Library/Research Fees	2,100.59
Insurance Dividend	1,870.00

Total Income \$ 181,041.74 181,041.74

**EXPENSES**

Payroll	61,156.40
Payroll Taxes	333.10
Utilities	11,309.43
Museum Education & Programs	11,290.86
Repairs & Maintenance	8,125.92
Insurance	4,779.00
Gift Shop	3,313.26
Computer/Website Maint/Repair	9,357.25
Curatorial/Exhibit Supplies	5,867.84
Library	1,102.83
Printing/Publications	2,306.25
Telephone	2,152.92
Postage/Shipping	1,089.80
Office Supplies	1,679.29
Advertising	3,241.39
Bank Fees/Charges	22.00
Matching Funds/Grants	10,525.00
Staff/Board Development	2,758.40
Professional & Contract Fees	744.00
Professional Memberships	383.00
Travel/Mileage	588.53
Internet	63.00
Investment Expense	46.00
Total Expenses	\$ 142,235.47

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***Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income***

Capital Equipment Purchased	(2,861.74)
Capital Building Improvements	(1,800.60)
Net Market Value Loss in WCHS Endowment Fund	13,089.21
Net Changes in Other Costs	(636.00)

Total Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income (Subtract) 7,790.87

**Closing Cash Balance— 12/31/2008**

**106,239.83**

Checking Account	35,873.65
Savings Account	29,199.22
Thrivent MM Account	20,016.96
Petty Cash	150.00
CD Roundbank Waldorf	7,000.00
CD Janesville State Bank	7,000.00
CD State Bank of New Richland	7,000.00

**Closing Cash Balance—12/31/2008 106,239.83**

**Subtract Opening Cash Balance—1/1/2008 75,224.43**

**Net Cash Increase to General Fund—12/31/2008 31,015.40**

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## Heirloom Hints

Reprinted from Family Tree Magazine  
by Allison Stacy,

Don't overlook an antique's potential genealogical value. An item's date or place of manufacture may help you place your family member then and there. Your ancestors' belongings can illustrate their tastes, social status and the time period they lived in. Antiques can provide these potential clues:

- **Clothing:** A military uniform or wedding dress will show your ancestor's physical size: tall, short, thin or plump.
- **Furniture:** can reveal aspects of your ancestors' life-style. Intricate, custom pieces would indicate that they were well-off financially, for instance. Plain furniture might show that they had humble tastes.
- **Jewelry, silver and metalwork:** Besides signaling social status, these objects are the most likely to be engraved with initials, names or dates. Sometimes they were given as awards; others might have followed an important event, such as a birth or wedding. A locket may contain a photo of the owner's loved ones.
- **Books and manuscripts:** Letters and diaries reveal what kind of person your ancestor was. (For more on diaries, see the June 2000 issue of *Family Tree Magazine*.) Though writing in a book will destroy its value as an "antique," notes and underlining can provide insight into the owner's thoughts and interpretations. Knowing what books your ancestors read can also show their level of education.
- **Toys and Collectibles:** Memorabilia is a reminder of what was popular and the attitudes of the times. Did Grandpa support Prohibition? Did Great-grandma play with wooden dolls as a child?

Pay attention to heirlooms' condition and function — they can tell you about an ancestor's activities. Research the period the heirloom came from, then evaluate what it means for your ancestor to have it.

### **Coming out of the Closet (or Attic or Basement...)**

Although logic tells us that dark, musty basements and dusty, moth-ridden attics are the worst locales to store heirlooms, somehow that's where many end up. Do you know what treasures your (or your relatives') home is hiding? Be an heirloom hero — invade your closets! Rescue those riches! Follow these steps:

1. **Get it out of harm's way.** No matter what you've got — furniture, clothing, art, photographs, books — excessive sunlight, extreme temperature, moisture, dust, bugs and mold are its enemies. Remove heirlooms from places where they're subject to those conditions.
2. **Assess the condition.** Sometimes your efforts to save a piece could actually damage it. Before you do anything, learn how to care for that particular object by reading a book on preservation or contacting a conservator (especially if the piece is in bad condition).
3. **Clean it up.** Use your newfound knowledge to revive your heirloom — carefully. Be wary of using polishes and cleaning products. Never alter furniture's original finish.
4. **Store or display it properly.** Unfortunately, usage often shortens an object's life (as well as decreasing its value). Keep books and furniture dusted and protect objects from getting scratched, dented or broken. Store papers and photographs in acid-free containers.
5. **Tell its story.** Don't leave your descendants in the dark: Identify the heirloom, record its condition and take pictures. Explain what you know about the item and its owner, and add the story to your family history.

*Happy Heirloom Searching*

## Waseca City Census - 1934 Continued

First	Last	Address	Age	Occupation	Own Home	Car	City
C.W.	Peterson	309 7th St SE	42	Machinist	No	Yes	Waseca
Iva	Peterson	309 7th St SE	40	Housewife			Waseca
Marlin	Peterson	309 7th St SE	18	Student			Waseca
Mildred	Peterson	309 7th St SE	16	Student			Waseca
Clair	Peterson	309 7th St SE	14	Student			Waseca
Keith	Peterson	309 7th St SE	12	Student			Waseca
LaVonna	Peterson	309 7th St SE	10	Student			Waseca
Eliza	Peterson	212 E Elm Ave	53	Housework	No	No	Waseca
Wallace	Peterson	212 E Elm Ave	16	Student			Waseca
Grace	Peterson	212 E Elm Ave	19	Housework	No	No	Waseca
Elmer	Peterson	113 7th St	38	Section	No	Yes	Waseca
Gena	Peterson	113 7th St	39	Housewife			Waseca
Herman	Peterson	804 3rd Ave SE	50	Salesman	Yes	Yes	Waseca
Othelia	Peterson	804 3rd Ave SE	49	Housewife			Waseca
Mrs. Marie	Peterson	114 4th Ave NW	73	Retired	No	No	Waseca
Lawrence	Peterson	600 4th Ave SE	35	Cashier	Yes	Yes	Waseca
Lida	Peterson	600 4th Ave SE	34	Housewife			Waseca
John	Peterson	600 4th Ave SE	5	Child			Waseca
Levine	Peterson	407 2nd Ave SE	46	Clerking	No	Yes	Waseca
Marie	Peterson	407 2nd Ave SE	40	Housewife			Waseca
Kenneth	Peterson	407 2nd Ave SE	12	Student			Waseca
Russell	Peterson	604 2nd Ave NE	22	Clerical	No	No	Waseca
Theodore	Peterson	604 2nd Ave NE	62	Insurance	Yes	Yes	Waseca
Hannah	Peterson	604 2nd Ave NE	53	Housewife			Waseca
Donald	Peterson	604 2nd Ave NE	17	Student			Waseca
Robert	Peterson	604 2nd Ave NE	15	Student			Waseca
Ed	Petrick		65	Laborer	No	No	Waseca
George	Pfaff	616 4th Ave	27	Undertaker	No	Yes	Waseca
Marguerite	Pfaff	616 4th Ave	28	Housewife			Waseca
Richard	Pfaff	616 4th Ave	1	Child			Waseca
Hazel	Pfaff	812 4th Ave SE	21	None	No	No	Waseca
S.H.	Pfaff	812 4th Ave SE	56	Merchant	Yes	Yes	Waseca
Lydia	Pfaff	812 4th Ave SE	50	Housewife			Waseca
Louis	Phillipp	611 N State St	51	Restaurant	Yes	Yes	Waseca
Marie	Phillipp	611 N State St	41	Housewife			Waseca
Franklin	Phillipp	611 N State St	13	Student			Waseca
Walter	Phillips	106 N State St	39	Cafe & Bakery	Yes	Yes	Waseca
Angella	Phillips	106 N State St	37	Housewife			Waseca
Herman	Pieper	712 W Elm Ave	53	Dep. Sheriff	No	Yes	Waseca
Adelia	Pieper	712 W Elm Ave	45	Housewife			Waseca
J.H.	Place		85	Veterinery	Yes	No	Waseca
John	Place		47	None	No	No	Waseca
Albert	Plath	208 4th Ave NW	53	Farming	No	No	Waseca
Edward	Plath	208 4th Ave NW	54	Farming	Yes	No	Waseca
Herman	Plath	208 4th Ave NW	76	Farming	No	No	Waseca
Lillian	Ploughman	510 5th St SW	45	Cook	Yes	No	Waseca