



## From the Co-Directors . . .

### Greetings WCHS Members—

As fall arrives we turn our attention to the awesome beauty the season brings. We've had exceptional weather to celebrate nature at its best.

**WHAT'S A TAG-ALONG TOUR?** Taking advantage of a beautiful fall morning, a few lucky participants accompanied me (Joan) on our first Tag-Along Tour offered online to members. The tour began at Jonny Beans located in the basement of the Miller-Armstrong building. With coffee in hand we consolidated vehicles and headed west. Our first stop was the Minske/Ristau Cemetery. This pioneer cemetery is easy to miss heading north on Co. Rd. 52. It sits high on a hillside and is the final resting place for early residents of Iosco Township. The second stop was the Schuch Farm. With permission from the landown-

ers, we walked the site where the event took place, which many remember as Waseca's worst unsolved crime. From there we stopped at the Ebenezer Evangelical or Bathke Cemetery. Heading north on Reeds Lake Road, we arrived at St. Jarlath's Church. We were met by Mark Haley who opened the doors to this beautiful church. Although no longer in use, the cemetery and church are kept in good condition. Truly a jewel and deserves appreciation for the neighbors who volunteer to protect the landmark from harm. Our last stop was the Charlie Hoffman farm. Charlie passed away in January of this year at

101 years of age. The family had gathered for a sale that day. We enjoyed meeting the family and touring the site. As we stood in the Honey House we were struck by the historical significance of the life of Charlie Hoffman and his family. Known for his bee-keeping techniques and honey resulting from special Alsike clover grown specifically for the bees, his life is wonderfully chronicled in a book written by his son Larry, called simply "My Life". I'll be exploring again in the spring. Members will be notified with an online invitation to Tag-Along as we explore Waseca County history.



Dr. Wes Rethwill gets an Oliver Hardy mustache and hat to pose in with Tribute Committee member, Audra Boyer.

What was your favorite celebration? Was it the first exhibit, the 1940s dance last year, the movie nights? Let us know. Next year will be the fifth annual, but we feel there should be a larger community-wide planning committee and also input about how often the Leroy Shield Hometown Tribute should occur. Contact Sheila Morris, 507-835-7700.

### LEROY SHIELD TRIBUTE 2010:

This year's Leroy Shield Hometown Tribute on October 8 welcomed 120 movie-goers of Laurel & Hardy's "Our Relations" and several Our Gang/Little Rascals short films. Of course they all included music by Leroy Shield! A surprise outside CIS Auditorium was the Ralph Schultz of Belle Plaine playing Leroy Shield's familiar music on the Band Organ (calliope). We want to commemorate his birthday, October 2, 1893 every year, but in different ways.

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**WCHS ANNUAL MEETING:** Our Annual Meeting held in Waldorf at the Community Center served and entertained 45 WCHS members. Everyone had a very good, social time entertained by Shirley & Alvin Groskreutz. Waldorf historical arti-



ers, we walked the site where the event took place, which many remember as Waseca's worst unsolved crime. From there we stopped at the Ebenezer Evangelical or Bathke Cemetery. Heading north on Reeds Lake Road, we arrived at St. Jarlath's Church. We were met by Mark Haley who opened the doors to this beautiful church. Although no longer in use, the cemetery and church are kept in good condition. Truly a jewel and deserves appreciation for the neighbors who volunteer to protect the landmark from harm. Our last stop was the Charlie Hoffman farm. Charlie passed away in January of this year at

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**To discover** and collect all material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the County or the State.

**To provide** for the preservation of all historical material and for the appropriate accessibility to such material.

**To disseminate** historical information and to encourage interest in the past.

**To maintain** genealogical records.

# Event Calendar

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**November 10:** WCHS Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

**December 4 & 5:** Holiday Exhibit Opening, "Under the Christmas Tree: Very Special Toy Collections," 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; exhibit continues during regular museum hours through February 15, 2011.

**December 8:** WCHS Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

## 2011

**February:** Annual Ice Harvest at Clear Lake; open to the public\ with \$2 donation; Clear Lake Park pavilion, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**February 15:** "Under the Christmas Tree" exhibit ends.

**Ongoing exhibit:** "Waseca County Timeline"

### Spring Luncheon-Lecture Series

*Featuring a noted author/speaker and a delicious lunch, 12 noon-1 p.m. at the museum; reservations necessary, 835-7700; WCHS members \$11, non-members \$16*

**March:** Speaker & topic to be announced.

**April 28:** Chad Lewis, author of "The Minnesota Road Guide to Gangster Hot Spots"

**May:** Todd Peterson, author of "Early Black Baseball in Minnesota"

# Preservation Efforts in Waseca County

## New plans at the Ward house on East Elm . . .

The Waseca Heritage Preservation Commission “cut it’s teeth” recently when the new owners of the Percy Ward house applied for a permit to add a second structure to the property. We have all passed by this magnificent home many times. It will be hard to see the landscape change from the original state. There was a carriage house at one time. It was moved to SW Waseca and converted to apartments.

At a recent preservation workshop we learned some things we didn’t know. Additions are put on National Register properties all the time. Elements from the original structure must be repeated and applied to the new, however mimicking the original too closely is not permitted. The addition must be different from the original portion of the building.

The Waseca Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) is fortunate to have worked with Thomas Zahn and Bethany Gladhill. The team has provided the Historic Context Study for the City of Waseca and is currently working with the HPC on the Trowbridge Band Shell Project. They also happened to be at our last meeting when the new owner presented preliminary drawings of the addition. As a new commission, we hadn’t had an opportunity to work on any property let alone one of our most recognizable historic houses in Waseca!

With guidance from Zahn and Gladhill and the State Historic Preservation Architect Natasha Weiner we were able to work with the new owners to make changes that comply with National Register standards.



Many thanks to HPC Chair and Councilman Les Tlougan and Ranae Schult staff coordinator, for making this possible.  
*Heritage Preservation Commission: Jean Byron, Joan Mooney, Pat Pearson, John Pribble, Robin Terrell*



THE R.P. WARD HOUSE ON EAST ELM  
MORE THAN 100 YEARS AGO



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facts, collected by Clark Meyer, are on display in new cases at the center. Blondie's Restaurant, New Richland, catered the event with a turkey dinner. A presentation prepared by WCHS staffer, Vanessa Zimprich, presented the visual highlights of WCHS's past year.

**HOLIDAY EXHIBIT & OPEN HOUSE:**

The cooler temperatures and shorter days remind us of what lies ahead. Staff has begun preparation for the holiday exhibit, *Under the Christmas Tree—Very Special Toy Collections*. In preparation for the holiday exhibit we have asked members to share their precious toy collections, many were Christmas gifts during childhoods many years ago. The exhibit will feature stories of meaning and great fun with toys that may or may not have cost much money, but provided so much joy to their recipients. A few dollhouses this year, but also dolls, trains, trucks, and action figures. The whole family will enjoy this show! Some of our members sharing are Jim and Edy Barber, Louie and Norma Marzinske, Lois Chaffin, Jim Fox, Deanna Bendix and daughter, Katie Youngberg, Roman Koenigs, Ole Lundquist, Anita Hildebrandt, Doris Berger, Justine and Mark Meyers, and the show is still expanding. Volunteer bakers are needed to make cookies and bars,

call 835-7700. **Open House is Saturday & Sunday, December 4 & 5, 11 am to 7 pm.**

We'll serve those cookies and cider, Christmas music, lights, wonderful images. (Make it an extra stop as you tour the *Sights & Sounds of Christmas* House Walk on the same weekend.)

**Our exhibit is free, but \$2 donations will be very much appreciated.**

—Sheila Morris & Joan Mooney



**“Under the Christmas Tree”**  
**VERY SPECIAL TOY COLLECTIONS**



**HOLIDAY EXHIBIT  
OPEN HOUSE  
SAT & SUN-DEC 4 & 5, 11-7**  
On exhibit thru Feb 15, 2011

**Waseca County Museum**  
315 2ND AVE NE, WASECA / TUES-FRI, 9-5  
DONATIONS APPRECIATED

BELOW LEFT, CHRISTMAS PROMOTION ON WASECA'S STATE STREET IN 1936, HUNDREDS GATHER FOR FINAL DRAWING, WHICH WAS NOT THE CAR! BELOW RIGHT, JIM BARBER'S 1935 CHRISTMAS EVE TREE AND GIFTS. LOOK FOR THE LITTLE STEP STOOL SOMEWHERE IN THE EXHIBIT.

# You can donate any time, any day ONLINE for Waseca County history!

[www.historical.waseca.mn.us](http://www.historical.waseca.mn.us)

It's about home: A former Waseca County resident who had been on our website wrote, "Great website, it was like visiting home." From our researching visitors, we get comments like, "I found my lost relatives here!" or "I didn't know I had so many Waseca County connections." When a first time visitor walks into the museum, they look up and see our dome. Often they say, "This is great, I've lived here all my life and this is the first time I've seen this museum." The common theme here is in the word *home* and learning about *home*.

WCHS works to save the history of Waseca County for all time. This is only accomplished with a limited budget, part-time staff and volunteers. Operational funding is requested to the local government to try to provide some financial stability, so that fundraising, membership drives, and grant requests can happen effectively.

The work of WCHS: Behind the scenes, staff and volunteers are constantly processing information, new artifacts, family histories, oral histories, photographs, archival documents—it all must be processed. Each item must have a number assigned, description written and a record created. Photographs must be scanned, artifacts must be photographed, and everything must be archivally stored. To create an exhibit or an event, research is initiated, information gathered, photographs printed, labels written and printed, promotion planned and executed, volunteers organized, and so on. In 2011 the Waseca County Timeline should be finished as a semi-permanent, year-round exhibit. The research phase will begin on a Herter's exhibit.

Our website, [www.historical.waseca.mn.us](http://www.historical.waseca.mn.us) averages over 2,000 hits per day. To date there are over 37,000 artifact records, 15,000 photographs, 300,000+ archived records. This narrative is from our [www.giveMN.org](http://www.giveMN.org) presence. It gives you stats and support ds, family and business folders, family histories, probates, birth, death, marriage, baptism, cemetery records—all constantly being indexed and updated for website access. Our Bailey-Lewer Research Library has three microfilm reader/

printers, newspaper microfilm from all Waseca County newspapers, maps, yearbooks, atlases, and still more.

Over 600 members support WCHS annually from all over the county, the state, across the U.S. and three foreign countries. Membership provides access to the website records and free research in the library.

The Waseca County Historical Society is a member of the Minnesota Historical Society, the American Association of State & Local History, the Minnesota Council of Non-profits, and the American Association of Museums. WCHS is one of only two non-church research sites of the LDS Church in Minnesota!

Tremendous strides have been made by generous donors from the Waseca County community in the past. The Waseca County Historical Society was organized in 1938. The present museum building was a gift from the Edgar Johnson family in 1964. Our genealogical research library is housed in the 1868 house that was once owned by P.C. Bailey and Ewald Lewer. In 2007 the board of directors initiated the first-ever capital fundraising campaign to celebrate Waseca County's 150th anniversary, and raised \$150,000 in three years. Since 1988 WCHS has benefited from endowment funds held by the Waseca Area Foundation which is part of the Minnesota Community Foundation. To date WCHS has seven funds. These funds provide annual interest income: Phil Allen Memorial Fund, the Frank and Barbara Goodspeed Memorial Fund, the Edgar F. and Ethel Johnson Fund, the Wes and Carol Rethwill History Fund, the Jerry and Linda Rutledge Heritage Fund, the WCHS Endowment Fund, and the WCHS Lifetime Endowment Fund. And in 2008, Jerry and Linda Rutledge also created a generous charitable remainder trust to benefit WCHS in the future.

Please consider being part of the Waseca County Historical Society support family. Be part of the success it has had. Be part of the success in its future. We want to continue to educate and interpret for the next generation--to continue to collect the stories and artifacts, and to continue to make it all accessible for generations to come.

**What can you do? Visit [www.giveMN.org](http://www.giveMN.org) and enter "Waseca County Historical Society". Read more about what we do, and how long we've been maintaining our history. Click on the "Donate Now" button. OR you can visit our website, [www.historical.waseca.mn.us](http://www.historical.waseca.mn.us), and click on the "Donate Now" button. Either way give as little as \$10—it helps! THANK YOU!**

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# Waseca County Cemeteries

Index, Locations, Photos, Map & Photo DVD

By Joanne Hintz

To call Joanne Hintz a cemetery enthusiast is an understatement. Joanne has documented almost if not every cemetery in Waseca County. Joanne recently donated her book of photos and directions to cemeteries many have never heard of. The color photographs are beautiful. Joanne has taken multiple images from each cemetery, as well as listed the township, range, section, latitude and longitude for each cemetery. Those of you with GPS devices can cruise the county without suffering the frustration of getting lost finding these hidden resting places. Also included is a map for those of us lagging in technological apparatus. The book is also on a DVD. Joanne’s book can be viewed at the Bailey Research Library. *Many thanks Joanne!*

TOP PHOTO: Kanne German Cemetery, Iosco Twp.

BOTTOM: Trahm’s Farm Cemetery, Vivian Twp.



## Projects & Needs:

We would like to have an up-to-date **wireless, portable microphone system** to use at Chautauqua this summer, and other WCHS programs and events. We have relied on rentals, and borrows. Donations welcome. A new system will cost approximately \$1,300.



**The Waldorf Café Jukebox** has not been working for sometime. We need someone with electronics know-how to help get it playing those 1950s, 1960s 45s again. Who knows what a 45 is? **It would be great to have it playing Brenda Lee’s “Rockin’Around the Christmas Tree” at the December 4 & 5 Open House here!**



# Thanks to Volunteers & New or Renewing Members

## As of August 24, 2010 to present

### Volunteers

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Ruth Ann Hager  
Doug Gerdtz  
Hunter Jentzen  
Jay Dulas  
Trevor Kanewischer  
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Ariel Meister  
Rod & Ruth Searle  
LDS Elders  
STS  
Jeff Huelsnitz  
Rick Morris  
Don Wynnemer  
Tom Piche  
Rod Searle

*Leroy Shield 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hometown Tribute: Attendance approx. 120*

CIS Media Center  
Waseca Senior Center  
Waseca County News  
Southern Minny Buzz  
Brown Printing  
E.F. Johnson Foundation  
Jack & Mary Williams  
Tracy Tolzmann  
Audra & Tim Boyer  
Rod Searle  
Tom Piche  
Rick Morris  
Ralph Schultz  
Central Intermediate School,  
use of auditorium

*WCHS Annual Meeting & Supper*  
Waldorf Community Center/Waldorf City  
Council  
Blondie's Restaurant, New Richland  
Clark Meyer, Waldorf artifacts display  
Shirley & Alvin Groskreutz  
Pauline Fenelon  
Vanessa Zimprich  
45 Attendees

*Holiday Exhibit participants:*  
Justine Meyer, for exhibit design  
& styling  
Eugene Kuhns

Mark Meyer  
Doris Berger  
Deanna Bendix  
Katie Youngberg

Lois Chaffin  
Gwen Buscho  
Roman Koenigs  
Wes Rethwill  
Erin & Sheila Morris  
Anita Hildebrandt  
Ole & Jean Lundquist  
Jim Fox  
Norma & Louis Marzinske  
Jim & Edy Barber  
Pauline Fenelon  
Kathy Rosenthal

### Restricted Donations

Brown Printing, Leroy Shield event  
Zwach, Don

### Un-restricted Donations

Georgas, Peter & Peggy  
Hoversten, Patti & Bill  
Borgmann, Laura & Ken  
Halvorson, Mike & Jean

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Barden, Pete & Anne  
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Cypher, Lynda  
Evanson, Kristi  
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Hoversten, Patti & Bill  
Jackson, Carol  
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Johnson, Michelle  
Kolars, Jane K.  
Lechner, Karen  
Masberg, Patricia  
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McRaith, Dan & Sue  
Meyer, Clark  
Miller, Al & Donna  
Neidt, Millicent  
Nibler, N. Ione  
Piche, Tom & Cindy  
Querna, Marie  
Rampanelli, Jessica  
Rosenthal, Gregg  
Sanders, Wayne  
Scheffler, Charlene  
Schmidt, Robert  
Schroeder, John  
Sinn, Margaret  
Stindt, Loraine  
Twisselman, Alan  
Wendland, Helen & Ken  
Williams, Jack & Mary

### Memorials

**In memory of Carol Fell**  
by Pearl Hoversten  
by Jeanette Rosenthal  
by Jean & Ole Lundquist

**In memory of Diane Nelson**  
by Donna Fostveit

**In memory of Manley Youngberg**  
by Pearl Hoversten

**In memory of Errell F. (Dick) and Julie Wynnemer**  
by Jody Wynnemer

**In memory of Warren H. "Zonie" Latourelle**  
by Mary Herbst and Ivalee Clark

**In memory of Eugene Powell**  
by Carol Wobschall  
by Jeanette Rosenthal

**In memory of Elmer Minske**  
by Jack and Jane Kolars

**In memory of Dorothy Powell**  
by Donna Fostveit  
by Carol Wobschall

**In memory of Leonard Ketchum**  
by Bob & Janette Larson

**In memory of Addis Jenö**  
by Kathy Rosenthal

### Grants, Restricted

PLRAC, \$3,200 for 2011 Chautauqua  
E.F. Johnson Foundation,  
\$6,000 for 2011 Chautauqua

### Grants, Unrestricted Matching

Exxon-Mobil, \$2,000 and \$500,  
matching volunteer hours of Don  
Wynnemer

### Appropriations

Vivian Township, \$200

### Artifact Donations

**In memory of Benjamin & Leonora Minges Bethke**  
by Charles "Pete" Bethke

Dr. Wes Rethwill, for set of plant urns,  
Boy Scout and Cub Scout rings

Joanne Hintz, for donating documentation of Waseca County cemeteries,  
including locations, photos, maps and  
photo DVD.

Waseca-LeSueur Library, for donation  
of used books

Sleigh & Cutter Committee, for  
donation of additional S&C Festival  
scrapbooks (2007, 2008, 2009)

HOLIDAY EXHIBIT & OPEN HOUSE

Join us on Saturday  
& Sunday, December 4 & 5

11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
315 2nd Avenue N.E.

Waseca County Museum

Christmas cookies, bars, cider  
and coffee!

“Under the Christmas Tree:  
Special Toy Collections”



Membership Renewal Date

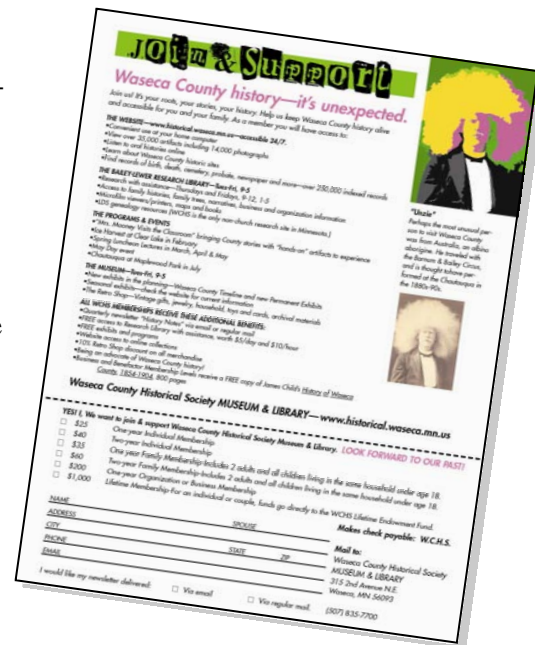


# Membership will be extremely important in 2011

With support for WCHS Operations shrinking from the City of Waseca, your support through membership, donations and volunteerism will be needed. Staff size and hours have been frozen for the last two years. No raises in sight.

Everything else we have done is “cut to the bone”. The only way to keep the museum viable is controlling staff hours, slowing all that we do and accessibility for you. The rest of the budget maintains the buildings that house the entire WCHS collections of artifacts, archives, papers, photographs, microfilm books, computers, readers, etc. We are however, very grateful to PLRAC and the E.F. Johnson Foundation for grants for our annual Chautauqua at Maplewood Park.

In 2011 the Spring Luncheons will be offered again maintaining the same ticket prices; and the Annual Ice Harvest, where we will ask for \$2 donations. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about how WCHS is funded. We do not get funding from the Minnesota State Historical Society. **We pay them** a membership fee. We do not get operational funding from the Legacy Amendment. That is reserved for NEW programming and some capital projects. We do intend to request funding for a lift and mainfloor bathroom for the museum in 2011. That does not help with Operations. The Board of Directors will be planning a major fundraiser in 2011, we hope that you will support it!





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# WAGS RAG

WASECA AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Baily-Lewer Research Center is open for Research Tuesday - Friday 9-12 and 1-5

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## Protecting Family Memories

By [Genealogy.com](http://Genealogy.com)

Our last Wags Rag insert talked about causes of deterioration of your family photographs. The following information will share with you Properly Store your Photographs.

### **Proper Storage Methods and Material**

Using specialized storage methods and materials will help prolong the life of your family photographs. Since prints and negatives can stick together, it is best to store them in separate envelopes or plastic sleeves. When storing mounted prints, be sure to place a sheet of paper or plastic between them. Within these enclosures, your prints and negatives can be stored in acid-free storage boxes on a shelf or in steel file cabinets.

Photo albums are convenient and popular ways to store (and share) your memories. When choosing your album, make sure the album pages are acid free. When shopping for albums, be sure the album is "archival" and that "PVC" was used in the manufacturing process.

Finally, consider making copies of your family photos or storing them electronically. You can do this by scanning photos or by taking negatives to a photo processor and having them put them in electronic format for you.

As you can see, there are several relatively simple things you can do to help your photographs last longer. By carefully choosing the mounting materials, storage materials, and storage location for your photographs, you can preserve memories for generations to enjoy.

Be sure to check out the gift shop at the Historical Society as they have a number of storage containers, photo sleeves etc. for you to help protect your precious photos.



## Gathering Family Memories

By Maureen Taylor, reprinted from [Genealogy.com](http://Genealogy.com)

By following a few easy steps you can collect family memories at holidays and family reunions. Unfortunately, too many of us think that the right opportunity should be planned. However, if you try to wait for the perfect moment it may never happen. If you tarry too long, busy schedules and sudden illness can interfere. Instead, be prepared for those unexpected opportunities to collect your family history and traditions. A little preplanning can help you gather family history where and when it happens. The best way to start is to create a family history kit that you can carry with you or keep in your car when you visit with relatives. The following equipment can be held in a small storage container and will fit in even a small suitcase.

### **Family History Gathering Kit**

- Pencils, notebook
- Pedigree charts
- Copies of an assortment of family photographs
- Camera with film
- Tape recorder

The contents of your kit can vary based on the materials you have on hand, as long as you have the essential tools to document your family history. For instance, pencils and a notebook are mainstays of genealogical research, but more computer-savvy individuals can use a handheld computer device to record information. The pedigree charts and photographs act as prompts when you are trying to encourage a reluctant relative to share their memories, and keeping a camera and a tape recorder handy helps preserve the details of the visit. Camcorders can be used, but it is usually not practical to carry one with you everywhere, while the new digital recorders that double as a still camera are nice, but expensive. Now that you have the basic materials ready, follow these few steps to gather your family heritage in small, manageable pieces without becoming overwhelmed by the task

### **Write Down What You Know**

The first step in any family history project is to record on a pedigree chart or family group sheet what you already know, including full names (maiden names), dates and places for births, marriages, and deaths. This outline of your known family history is a vital part of your collecting plan for the future. It provides you with a starting place.

More next issues of Wags Rag. . .

### Waseca City Census - 1934 Continues

Last	First	Address	Age	Occupation	Own Home	Car	City	ST	ZIP
Reiter	Albert		65	Laborer	Yes	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Reiter	Olga		54	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Reitfort	Fred	916 S State St	39	Laborer	Yes	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Reitfort	Mrs. Fred	916 S State St	35	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Rietfort	Dorothy	916 S State St	10	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Rietfort	Merle	916 S State St	8	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Reitfort	Henry	702 3rd St NE	42	Laborer	Yes	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Reitfort	Emma	702 3rd St NE	46	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Reitfort	John	124 5th Ave SE	30	Mechanic	Yes	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Reitfort	Mrs. John	124 5th Ave SE	21	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Reitfort Jr	John	124 5th Ave SE	3	Child			Waseca	MN	56093
Reitfort	Dwayne	124 5th Ave SE	1	Child			Waseca	MN	56093
Rethwell	Wesley	300 9th St NE	33	Dentist	Yes	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Rethwell	Estelle	300 9th St NE	33	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Rethwell	Annette	300 9th St NE	4	Child			Waseca	MN	56093
Reudy	C.	301 8th St SE	78	Carpenter	Yes	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Reudy	Alice	301 8th St SE	64	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Reycraft	Edward	532 7th Ave SE	23	Laborer	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Reycraft	Cecilia	532 7th Ave SE	19	None	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Reycraft	James	532 7th Ave SE	30	Laborer	Yes	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Reycraft	Joseph	532 7th Ave SE	68	Teamster	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Reycraft	Mrs. Joseph	532 7th Ave SE	61	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Reycraft	Gertrude	532 7th Ave SE	16	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Reycraft	Leo	532 7th Ave SE	26	Laborer	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Reycraft	Vincent	532 7th Ave SE	28	Cty Attorney	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Rhode	Frank A.	300 3rd Ave SE	35	Laborer	Yes	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Rhode	Della	300 3rd Ave SE	34	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Rhode	Kathleen	300 3rd Ave SE	12	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Rhode	James	300 3rd Ave SE	9	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Rhode	Joseph	300 3rd Ave SE	8	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Rhode	Joan	300 3rd Ave SE	6	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Rhode	Patricia	300 3rd Ave SE	4	Child			Waseca	MN	56093
Rhode	John	300 3rd Ave SE	1	Child			Waseca	MN	56093
Rhode	George	932 3rd St SW	24	Mason	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Rhode	John	932 3rd St SW	70	Laborer	Yes	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Rhode	Walter	932 3rd St SW	28	None	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Rhode	Regina	932 3rd St SW	69	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Rhode Jr	John	809 4th Ave	37	Railroad	Yes	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Rhode	Anna	809 4th Ave	37	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Rice	William	818 9th Ave NE	64	Tiler	Yes	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Rick	Augusta	421 11th St SE	39	Housework	Yes	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Rick	Raymond	309 7th St SE	26	Laborer	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Rick	Fred	118 5th Ave SE	52	State Hi-way	No	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Rick	Margaret	118 5th Ave SE	57	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Rick	Patricia	118 5th Ave SE	5	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Rick	Thomas	118 5th Ave SE	10 Mo	Child			Waseca	MN	56093
Rick	Pauline	421 11th St SE	33	Maid	Yes	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Rick	Wm.	421 11th St SE	45	Mason	Yes	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Rickmeyer	Albert	906 4th Ave SE	61	Laborer	Yes	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Rickmeyer	Mayme	906 4th Ave SE	39	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Rickmeyer	Dorothy	906 4th Ave SE	11	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Rickmeyer	Frederick	906 4th Ave SE	8	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Rickmeyer	Ruth	906 4th Ave SE	6	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Rickemeyer	Eliza		64	Housekeeper	Yes	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Rick	Albert F.	215 2nd Ave NE	55	Carpenter	No	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Rieck	Mrs. Anna	204 3rd Ave NE	67	Housewife	Yes	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Rieck	Fred	433 11th St SE	31	Mason	Yes	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Rieck	Edna	433 11th St SE	32	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Rieck	Paul	433 11th St SE	8	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Rieck	Charlotte	433 11th St SE	6	Student			Waseca	MN	56093