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From the Co-Directors . . .

Holy Cow! Have we been busy!

We are spinning from all the activity we have endured this summer. Thank you to everyone who helped and attended July 3 **Chautauqua 2010**. It was hot, but 650 people came out for family fun and entertainment at Maplewood Park.

We'll need more volunteers for Chautauqua 2011. If you are willing to roll up your sleeves and help with set-up and take-down, we'd sure like to hear from you. It's time to surrender some of the physical challenges to the more able-bodied.

Thanks to this year's talent: Baptism River Ramblers with Mike 'Razz' Russell, Karen Grotberg, Page and Jack Burkum; Shirley & Elvin Groskreutz; Fiddles & Flat Tops; Puppet Farm Arts: Chris Lutter-Gardella (the black bear puppet at right); DNR: Derek Anderson; Waseca Lakes Association: Ron Purcell, Duane Rathmann; Chautauqua Children's Theater: Maria Asp; Twin Cities Shape-Note Singers: Kim Bahmer; Amy Roemhildt; Big Scott's Lumber Camp: Scott Roemhildt; Al Batt; Magic Zack (Madel); and Fiddlin' Al Miller.

The **Waseca County Fair (July 14-18) 2010** was hot as well. The "Goin' to the Lake" exhibit in Hodgson Hall was very well received by the crowds. We love the fair. It's a great opportunity to visit with old and new friends as well. Thanks to everyone, all 5,000 of you, who stopped by, and to those who volunteered help with our concessions and used book sales.

On June 23 we invited our state, city, county and township officials to visit and learn more about WCHS at **Government Appreciation Day**. About 35 attended a very informal gathering. It was an event we started last year to thank them for support. On July 21 the WCHS Board of Directors celebrated the busy summer with a picnic at the country home of Jim and Barb King. Each attending board member was "roasted" with an award from staff.

The Museum and the Bailey-Lewer Research Library have been busy with visitors and researchers all summer. They come from everywhere. We wrapped up the summer season on Sunday, August 1 with the Waseca Garden Tour. Two hundred and fifty people came by for maps and refreshments. Special thanks to Garden Club President Kathy Oftedahl for help sprucing up the Bailey House gardens. Thanks also to Garden Club members for donating cookies; to Millie Neidt for her time and lemonade; to Irene Jeddelloh and Kathy DeBates for helping out with the greeting and hosting.

The next few months will not be quite as social. We will be writing more grants, as well as meeting with the City and County of Waseca with funding requests. We have anticipated the possibility of a reduction in appropriations due to cuts at the state level. We depend heavily on that support for operations. Our other support comes from donations, memorials and membership. **WCHS is here to maintain your history!**

—Sheila Morris & Joan Mooney

Baptism River Ramblers entertaining at Chautauqua!



Puppet Farm Arts—Big Black Bear Puppet!



The Chautauqua 2010 crowd—650 people!



Museum Gift Shop still offers many Vintage Signs for sale!

Ralph Schmidt won the drawing at Chautauqua for the Maplewood vintage plaque. Congratulations, Schmidt family!

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Waseca County Historical Society
MUSEUM & RESEARCH LIBRARY
Mission Statement:

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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More ways to check for updates and participate!
Check out: “Blog-istory” on
www.wasecacountynews.com

September 8

WCHS Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

September 11 & 12

Farmamerica’s Fall Festival—We’ll be demonstrating our newly restored 1920s sock-knitting machine. Call 507-835-2052 for more information.

September 16

SROC, Southern Research & Outreach Center OPEN HOUSE, 4-8 p.m.—Come and visit with us!

September 18

Waseca Marching Classic parade—we’ll be there, look for a 1958 Chrysler!

October 8

Leroy Shield Family Movie Night at CIS Auditorium, just 10 cents each—watch Laurel & Hardy, and Our Gang movies. Can you smell the popcorn?

October 13

WCHS Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

October 18

WCHS Annual Meeting Celebration Potluck at the Waldorf Community Center, 5:30 p.m. Call 507-835-7700, to reserve and bring a dish to pass.

October 24

Waseca Area Foundation’s Gala Fundraiser Dinner and Auction, 4 p.m.—call 507-835-5990 for more information.

November 10

WCHS Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

December 4 & 5

Holiday Exhibit Opening, “Under the Christmas Tree,” 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

December 8

WCHS Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

The 4th Annual Leroy Shield Event: A Film Fes-

WCHS is proud that our community events can create opportunities--to remember the past and provide opportunities to express our cultural selves. Everyone who saw Theresa Coleman dancing at the Leroy Shield Saturday Night Dance noticed a woman having the time of her life and remembering the times of her life.

The “Doll” in the Little Black Hat

Theresa Doll Coleman came to the Leroy Shield Saturday Night Dance last October 3, 2009 and danced with her daughters. The thoughts behind the smiles were evident as she glided across the dance floor wearing her little black hat! She was remembering . . . her eyes glistened, and at age 88, she was beautiful.

She was remembering a time when she had heard these same songs played by big bands of the 1940s reminding her of the USO dances she attended in San Francisco during World War II. She and her best friend moved to San Francisco hoping to help out with the war effort.

Theresa Doll was born in 1921 in Wauzeka, Wisconsin, the middle child of a farm couple. At age 19 her father gave her a train ticket and \$5, and saw her off to Technical School in Madison, WI. It snowed during the entire trip—later it would be known as the Armistice Day Blizzard!

Theresa learned how to sew from her mother. And thus she made all of her own clothes, but didn't stop there. It was the 1940s and every young fashionable woman needed a hat, to go with her outfit. Theresa made her own hats! She took a class to learn how to block the basic form of a hat, but the rest of the design and decoration came from her own creativity. She never sold her hats or worked for a professional milliner.

Theresa met and married Joe Coleman, a railroad man. They had grown up knowing of each other's families in Wauzeka, but didn't actually meet until they were introduced by Theresa's cousin in 1950. They were married six months later. Remembering her dancing days in San Francisco, Theresa “dragged” her new husband to his first dance. After that, he wouldn't stay home if he knew there was a dance in town. It didn't matter what kind of music--swing, folk, polka, or square—Theresa and Joe would be there! Those who watched them dance together, often said, “They fit so beautifully together, just like a glove!” Joe and Theresa lived together in Boscobel, WI (just 11 miles up the road from Wauzeka) for 47 years. When Joe died Theresa came to live near daughter Jane in Waseca, MN.

In the fall of 2009 Jane asked her mom if she'd like to attend the Leroy Shield Dance; she naturally agreed. When she was told she might

have to wear something from the 1940s, Theresa knew exactly what she would wear—her little black hat with the two ermine tails. Jane Coleman and her sister, Patrice Passer escorted Theresa to the dance. Once the music started, one could not keep her in her seat. Theresa Coleman danced and danced. Jane commented that her mom didn't want to go home, but requested, “one more dance.” Was Theresa remembering her USO days? Was she remembering her dances with Joe?

On January 9, 2010 Theresa died in Waseca at age 88. She left her beautiful little black hat with the two ermine tails to her daughters; and she also left the memory of a loving mom who loved to dance. —END



Above, left: Jane Coleman, Theresa Doll Coleman and Patrice Passer—mother and daughters attending the Leroy Shield Saturday Night Dance last October 2009; above, right: Theresa in California in 1940s

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 8
7:00 PM-CIS AUDITORIUM
ENTRANCE ON E. ELM AVENUE
WASECA, MINNESOTA

Family Night at the Movies

JUST 10¢

4TH ANNUAL LEROY SHIELD FILM FESTIVAL

“THE LITTLE RASCALS” FILMS
AND LAUREL & HARDY IN “OUR RELATIONS”

FILM INTRODUCTIONS BY TRACY TOLZMANN, TWIN CITIES PRES. OF “THE BLOCK HEADS”-LAUREL & HARDY FAN CLUB

Schuch Murders Revisited

By Joan Mooney

One of Minnesota's worst crimes was committed in Waseca County on May 18, 1929. There are few residents of Waseca County that do not know the story. It was a horrible incident that took the lives of Julius Schuch, daughter Eda and son Ernest. Eldest son John and sisters Elizabeth and Wilhelmina were not home at the time. The sisters made the gruesome discovery after returning from a trip to town. The case remains unsolved today.

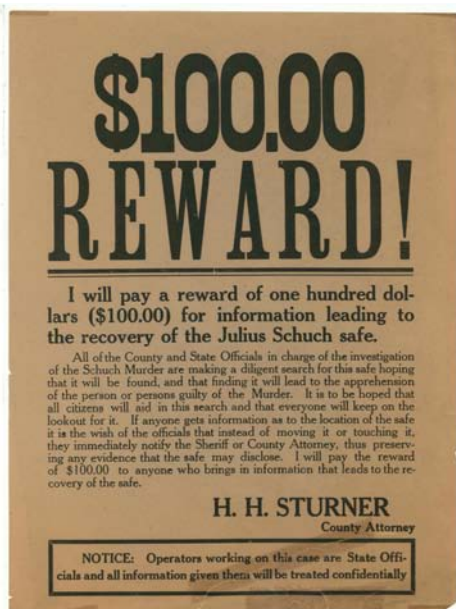
In the fifteen years I have worked for WCHS, not one year goes by without someone coming into the library to see the Schuch Murder file. The file contains copies of newspaper articles covering the investigation of the crime. Also in the file are memories written by people who were greatly impacted by the tragedy. The information has been here as long as I have with the exception of the memories added in the recent past. This information is public information and can be found in the "Family Files"

located in the Bailey Lewer Research Library.

The lecture held on August 26 was presented by Peter Georgas. Peter was born in Waseca eight months after the Schuch murders. He spent his childhood years here until the Herter Fire in 1942. His father Ted Georgas operated the Crystal Café, one of the other businesses destroyed in the Herter Fire. Peter's family moved eventually

to Minneapolis where he graduated from St. Louis Park High School, and then the University of Minnesota in 1951 with a degree in journalism. He enlisted and served on a destroyer during the Korean War. In Minneapolis he co-founded Carmichael-Lynch Advertising, and in 1964 he joined Walker Art Center as the museum's first full-time publicist, leaving in 1979. He's lived in Europe and traveled all over including the Middle East. He retired from free-lance copywriting and now lives in South Minneapolis with wife Peggy.

Back in 1954 he began his own research on the Schuch murders and produced a manuscript for a novel that was never published. The information Peter shared is taken from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension investigation in 1929. The audio tape of the lecture and discussion will be available for listening at the Bailey-Lewer Research Library **by appointment only**. The recording is approximately two hours long. —END



This is the original reward poster that County Attorney Sturner used to try to recover the Schuch safe.

“Goin’ to the Lake”— The History of Clear Lake

The turn-out at the Waseca County Fair was just great in spite of the heat—with 5,000 visitors coming to Hodgson Hall to see the “Goin’ to the Lake” exhibit on the history of Clear Lake. Many left stories and we were given one drawing, by Zac Wyffels, who likes fishing. (Photos at right: Clear Lake Beach in the early 1960s; Maplewood Girl Scouts behind the pavilion; vintage 1909 hand-tinted postcard of North Star Park on Clear Lake; the Gas Ball on the south shore of Clear Lake; and the “Alert” steamboat in 1880s on Clear Lake.)

The photographs took us from the 1880s to the present. As we prepared for the exhibit, I found myself driving around Clear Lake, locating sites, but more importantly visualizing the places, people and events that we learned about. Of course as the county was being settled, Clear Lake still had prairie lands abutting the shores. There were water connections to Loon Lake and Owatonna being used more than the muddy roads that were not always passable by wagon. The first general store was situated where Faith United Methodist Church is now, and they used the waterway to get provisions from Owatonna. Every “point” or area of shoreline had a different name representing the era, until now—we rely on Clear Lake Drive, Maplewood Park, Kieslers Campground, Clear Lake Beach, and the Boathouse. But many years ago, there was Von Sien’s Hill, Goodspeed’s Point, Winter’s Point, Andy’s Stink, the Hilltop and Dude’s Place. With our newly produced map of Clear Lake, all of those names and more are placed and remembered. There aren’t many artifacts relating to the old boat liveries and bars of the 1940s and 1950s. We heard that you could stop at Thompson Boat House for a beer and then “drink your way around the lake”. There were water slides, beaches, bath houses, boat liveries and restaurants—a lively life around Clear Lake. Kal Kiesler broke ground on the south side of the lake in 1973 to build the Campground and RV Center. Barb was not too optimistic about its success—look at it now.

A new cache of postcard negatives was found in the collection, never printed before. We were able to have them scanned and printed as 11x14 prints. To our surprise they gave us the images we craved for many years—Maplewood Park being used by the Girl Scouts in the early 1950s. There was the pavilion from the rear showing the archery range! Then the paths with camping cottages and campfire rings, the swimming dock at the base of the hill, the view of the south shore from Maplewood Park dock. Have you seen them yet?

Did you notice our new, larger door on the south side of Hodgson Hall, and the new walkway—wider, safer, inviting. Thanks to the Waseca County Fair Board for their assistance, and to Don Wynnemer, our Building Committee Chair. —END



Clear Lake Beach in the early 1960s



Clear Lake's steamboat, "Alert"
c. 1880s



Remember the Gas Ball?



Girl Scouts at archery behind the Maplewood Park pavilion, c. 1950s.

Remembering Clear Lake

I have pictures of my children in our yard (1130 East Elm) with the Gas Ball in the back-ground. Our children used to go to Andy Sotember's Gas Station and get candy. We lived there 19 years (1963-1982) and then moved. We loved to watch the fireworks from our front yard. Our boys loved to look for frogs and go fishing in (Clear) Lake.

—Shirley Raetz

Archie & Dorothy Lortis did not build the house, but purchased it from a family of entertainers who bought it when the traveling players lost popularity due to the advent of movies and radio. —Diane Lortis Bluhm

I arrived in Waseca in 1980. My daughter was born in 1981. On our first visit to Clear Lake beach, she was just toddling, but she wore her red bathing suit with the ruffles on the butt. As we walked toward the water, I was looking around at all the kids, then looked down to take Erin into the water, and was horrified to see my little daughter grabbing a handful of muddy sand and putting it in her mouth! She had her own taste of the lake that day!

—Sheila Morris

. . . My earliest memories of the lake are going down to Thompson Boat House with my older twin brothers. I remember the boats lined up by the docks ready to be rented and the "fishy" aromas. There was a counter where they sold a lot of the accoutrements necessary for fishing along with candy bars and pop. I always requested grape pop! . . . My family lived near Clear Lake Park. The neighborhood included many kids who all played together. We played hopscotch, jumped rope, roller-skated and built forts in the area next to the dump that was called the "Andy Stink". This worked out well because it had a lot of stuff like old dishes and such that were necessary for a fort. But most of all, the kids of the neighborhood went down to Clear Lake Park on hot summer days, several times a week when it was really hot. We could not have been very old. I was somewhere between five and eight years old, and no one seemed concerned about us going off by ourselves. We always walked and, when we were feeling really adventurous, we took the "Indian Trail" down to the park. This was a dirt path, very steep in places, that was along the shoreline in back of the houses on the east side of 8th Street and it led to the Park. . .

—Kathy Rosenthal

Preservation in Waseca County:

The Waseca Heritage Preservation Commission presented the *City of Waseca Historic Residential Context Study* to the city council at a special work session on Tuesday, July 20, 2010. The study was conducted by Thomas R. Zahn and Bethany Gladhill of Thomas R. Zahn & Associates. The study can be viewed on the City of Waseca website. Look under "History". The next project for the firm is the National Register Evaluation for the Trowbridge Band Shell.



Don Siems restored the WCHS 1920s sock knitting machine! Come and "crank out" a sock at Farmamerica on September 11.



The 1920s circular sock-knitting machine came to WCHS from Dr. Oeljin's house on N. State Street. We didn't even know what it was when it was donated. Eventually we discovered that it was indeed, a sock-knitter. Historically, it was very important to the war efforts. Originally invented before the turn of the 20th century, it was used to pro-

vide clean new stockings for soldiers overseas. Particularly during World War I when they were fighting in trenches in Europe. Thousands of homemakers volunteered to operate these knitters to make socks for the soldiers. At first, knitting centers were created at Red Cross centers around the country. Then women were purchasing the machines and making socks at home and at community gatherings. All the stockings made literally saved our soldiers from "trench foot", the disease, and also saved many amputations that would have been necessary if they continued to live and fight in those damp conditions.

Don Siems is the retired WCHS industrial arts teacher who found the original manual online, found instruction, retro-fitted parts, wrote a new User's Manual, created an Instructional CD and fully restored the WCHS knitting machine. He demonstrated it during the Waseca County Fair at Hodgson Hall. **Come see him demonstrate at Farmamerica's Fall Fair on September 11.**

New Projects/New 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.

Know about early VCR cassettes? We have 13 boxes of 1970s videotapes from the University of Minnesota/Waseca. They came to us from the UofM Main Campus Library, and we need help assessing their historic value. Knowledge of the old technology, location of appropriate equipment to play and copy, and especially knowledge of the staff, courses and early history of the Waseca campus will be extremely helpful. Please call if you can offer assistance, references, etc.

Waseca County Historical Markers List

Former WCHS board member, Dan Swenson, is creating a register of the historic markers within Waseca County. We are aware of the more commonly known markers such as, 1) Wilton town site marker for first official records; 2) Sutlief corner marker for first white settlers; 3) Courthouse Park plaque for stagecoach stop; 4) Courthouse Park stone early survey marker; 5) Trowbridge Park cornerstone founder Waseca city; 6) Large cornerstone Waseca city hall front door; 7) Mutual Insurance Company plaque Waseca; 8) Veterans plaque first floor inside hospital; 9) Veterans plaque and cannon Courthouse; 10) St. Mary's Church bell site; 11) Janesville Public Library, Civil War plaque, and 12) Hound Street. Do you know where any other bronze, stone, or concrete markers or signs are located? We need help from our membership and friends to help us locate other markers, both public and private. **THIS PROJECT DOES NOT INCLUDE GRAVESTONES.**

Call us with your findings, 835-7700.

UPDATE: Dan Swenson continues to find and locate the historic sites in Waseca County. The list has grown tremendously, with currently over 150 items.

You may see a copy of the list at the Bailey-Lewer Research Library during regular hours.

Thanks to Volunteers & New or Renewing Members

April 13-August 20, 2010

DONATIONS (UNRESTRICTED)

Janesville Community Chest
Jane Gleason
Dr. Wes Rethwill
ExxonMobil (\$1,000) Matching
Don Wynnemer volunteer hrs.
Don Zwach
Bill and Cindy Groh
Don & Margaret Wynnemer
Iron Employees' Used Book Sale
Bill Blashack
Anne McKenna

ARTIFACTS DONATED

Chuck Lucas, for photographs "saved" from a dumpster, other photos, and WHS artifacts
Bill & Cookie Rausch, for the 1920 WHS office clock
Jerry Rutledge, for the *Streets Are Wider Now* research notes/files
Dr. Rethwill, for dental office signage

MEMORIALS (UNRESTRICTED)

In memory of Tom Bagan
by Donna Fostveit
In memory of Myra Buker
by Jeanette Rosenthal
In memory of Margaret Cliff
by Donna Fostveit
In memory of Mary Ann (Ward) McKenna
by the McKenna family
In memory of Doris Born
by Henry & Phyllis Lewer
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by Evelyn Linde
by Jeanette Rosenthal
by Sigri, Michael, and Miles Hecht
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by Donna Fostveit
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by Sigri Hecht
In memory of Neil Knauss
by Linda Knauss and family
In memory of Berniece Patten
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In memory of Norma Jackson
by Donna Fostveit
In memory of Lester Quitney
by Donna Fostveit
In memory of Cletus Wendinger
by Sigri Hecht

HONORARIUMS (UNRESTRICTED)

In honor of Rod Searle
by Dave Dunn
by Andrew S. Pang
In honor of Don Wynnemer
by Dave Dunn

MEMORIALS (RESTRICTED)

In memory of Maury Adams
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In memory of Berniece Patten
by Bob & Janette Larson,
to Research
In memory of Noreen Bartelt
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to Research

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In honor of Rod Searle
by Mary L. Allen,
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by Jane Dunn,
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New Richland Historical Society (\$100), for archival assistance to the Finseth Collection
Roundbank, for support of exhibit "Goin' to the Lake" during County Fair (\$200)

GRANTS RECEIVED (RESTRICTED)

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (\$600-Chautauqua 2010)
Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (\$2,400-Chautauqua 2011)

APPROPRIATIONS (UNRESTRICTED)

City of New Richland (\$300)
City of Waseca (\$3,008)
Blooming Grove Township (\$250)
Waseca County (\$30,000)
Wilton Township (\$300)

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Madel, Pete
Oelke, Neta
Piche, Tom
Rethwill, Wes
Searle, Rod & Ruth
Siems, Don
Swenson, Dan
Tippy, Jim
Tuchel, Carl
Waseca-LeSueur Co. Library
Wendland, Ken & Helen
Wynnemer, Don
And all used book donors

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Attend the
Waseca Area Foundation's
Fundraising Gala—
"Abundance & Gratitude—
Celebrating the Waseca Area's Generosity,
the 21st Anniversary"
Sunday, October 24, 2010, 4 p.m.
Auctions at the newly renovated
E.F. Johnson Building; then dinner
at the Miller-Armstrong Building.
**Call 835-5990 for tickets and
more information.**
*We're grateful for the seven family
Endowments Funds with WAF
that benefit WCHS.*

Membership Renewal Date



Waseca Area Foundation Funds Benefit WCHS

There are seven funds in the Waseca Area Foundation that benefit the Waseca County Historical Society indicating tremendous support for our mission. 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. 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. At the end of 2008 we created the **WCHS Lifetime Endowment Fund**, in which each \$1,000 Lifetime Membership is deposited. The **Wes and Carol Rethwill History Fund** was started as a donation to the 150th campaign by Dr. Wes Rethwill.

We are so grateful to all of these individuals and contributors for the kind of support that will last forever! If you are interested in contributing to one of these Endowment Funds, or possibly starting a new endowment in memory of a loved one, please contact Sheila Morris, 507-835-7700.

WCHS Annual Meeting Celebration & Potluck Monday, October 18, 5:30 p.m.

Post this date on your calendar.

We're meeting at the Waldorf Community Center at 5:30 p.m. We'll have a brief business meeting, then show Highlights of our 2010 activities. Elvin & Shirley Groskreutz will entertain during supper. It's a potluck, so call 835-7700 to reserve and let us know what you can bring! We'll bake the ham and have refreshments. Watch our website for more info!



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WASECA AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

Protecting Family Memories

By Genealogy.com

For more than a century, people have been capturing special moments with photographs. In order to make sure that your children and grandchildren will someday enjoy the photos you take today, it is important to take care of your photos and protect them from the effects of age.



What is a Photograph Made of?

Photographs are made up of several layers. The top layer (or emulsion layer) contains the image suspended in gelatin and is coated onto a layer of photographic paper or film. A middle layer of adhesive is used to make the emulsion stick to the base. The materials used to create the image vary depending on the type of photograph. A black and white image is made up of light-sensitive silver salts called silver halides. Color photographs and slides are made up of dyes. With proper care you can expect your color prints to last for decades, but in general, they do not preserve as well as black and white images.

Causes of Deterioration

Often a combination of factors lead to deterioration of photographs. The following are some of the most destructive influences.

- **High Temperature and Relative Humidity** are among the most destructive factors that affect photographs. Photographs should not be kept in temperatures above 70 degrees Fahrenheit and relative humidity above 60% for long periods. Daily, drastic temperature changes (such as those that may occur in an attic) and continuously damp areas (such as basements) should also be avoided. Because a photograph's emulsion layer is composed of organic materials (gelatin), heat and high humidity promote the growth of mold and fungi. These elements also cause base materials to deteriorate quickly. Cold temperatures (refrigeration) are preferable. Especially for color photos, but only if humidity can also be

controlled. Standard refrigerators have a high relative humidity and are not a good place to store photographs. Air-conditioning in combinations with a dehumidifier will help control the effects of temperature and humidity when refrigeration is not an option.

- **Air Pollutants** . . Since all kinds of airborne substances can be damaging to photographs, be sure not to store photos in areas where pollutants are present. For example, avoid closets that also contain cleaning products and remove photos from rooms freshly painted with an oil-based paint for at least a month (latex paint is safe).

- **Ultraviolet Light** . . Direct sunlight and fluorescent light can be very damaging to a photograph (especially color photos which will fade rapidly when exposed to light). For all types of photographs, it is best to avoid



- prolonged exposure to direct sunlight and to use ultraviolet filters on fluorescent lights. If you wish to display photographs in a sunny area of your house, you might consider framing a copy of the photo and storing the original in a safe place.

- **Natural Disasters** . . There are a few things you can do to protect your photographs from flood, fire, and other natural disasters. Storing them up off the floor is relatively simple and can help tremendously in case of minor flooding. Storage in an enameled steel file cabinet can prevent photographs from being crushed and offers some safety from water and fire damage. You may want to consider a safe deposit box for extremely valuable photographs. It is also wise to give copies of special photographs to relatives to avoid having them all in one place in case of a disaster.

Our next Wags Rag insert will have information on how to Properly Store your Photographs. You can also visit the Waseca County Historical Society and they will share with you the storage boxes etc. that are available for purchase.

Waseca City Census - 1934 Continues

Last	First	Address	Age	Occupation	Own Home	Car	City	ST	ZIP
Quickstad	Arthur		42	Crn & Poultry	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Quickstad	Mary		39	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Quickstad	Ernest		16	None			Waseca	MN	56093
Quickstad	Arthur	316 W Elm Ave	40	Trucker	Yes	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Quickstad	Myrtle	316 W Elm Ave	33	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Quickstad	Lowine	316 W Elm Ave	9	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Quickstad	Donald	316 W Elm Ave	6	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Quickstad	Maynard	316 W Elm Ave	4	Child			Waseca	MN	56093
Quickstad	Mrs. L.	818 Elm Ave	76	Housewife	Yes	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Radabaugh	C. C.	404 3rd Ave SE	42	Brakeman	Yes	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Radabaugh	Mary	404 3rd Ave SE	40	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Radtke	Eddie	611 7th St SE	30	Laborer	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Radtke	Emily	611 7th St SE	28	Waitress	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Radtke	Lena	611 7th St SE	36	Housework	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Radtke	Theodore	611 7th St SE	69	Section	Yes	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Ragan	Mertie	201 1/2 N State St	33	Housework	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Ragan	Howard	201 1/2 N State St	11	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Ragan	Lou Ella	201 1/2 N State St	10	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Ragan	Frank	201 1/2 N State St	6	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Ramseth	Ivar	404 3rd Ave NE	57	Minister	No	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Ramseth	Bertha	404 3rd Ave NE	49	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Ramseth	Rudolph	404 3rd Ave NE	16	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Ramseth	George	404 3rd Ave SE	24	Teacher	No	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Ramseth	Signe	404 3rd Ave NE	22	Teacher	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Randuens	Carl	706 4th Ave NE	53	Tiling	No	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Radtke	William	NW Ave	76	Farmer	Yes	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Redden	David	509 2nd St	43	Laborer	No	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Redden	Lottie	509 2nd St	40	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Redden	Marvel	509 2nd St	16	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Redden	David	509 2nd St	14	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Redden	Evelyn	509 2nd St	11	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Redden	Calvin	509 2nd St	6	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Redden	Roger	509 2nd St	2	Child			Waseca	MN	56093
Reibold	John	201 3rd St NE	76	Blacksmith	Yes	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Reibold	Mary Ann	201 3rd St NE	74	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Reibold	John	201 3rd St NE	17	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Reibling	Mary	Waverly Hotel	25	Waitress	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Reibling	Regina	Waverly Hotel	18	Waitress	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Reilly	Robert Roland	700 3rd St SW	60	Service Station	No	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Reilly	Mrs. Robert	700 3rd St SW	48	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Reineke	Louis E.	313 4th Ave NE	54	Salesman	Yes	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Reineke	Emma	313 4th Ave NE	50	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Reineke	Phyllis	313 4th Ave NE	13	Student			Waseca	MN	56093
Remund	Lewis	210 9th St NE	40	Farmer	No	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Remund	Lilla	210 9th St NE	39	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Remund	James	210 9th St NE	6	School			Waseca	MN	56093
Remund	Marion	911 3rd St SW	21	Swift & Co	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Remund	Sylvester	911 3rd St SW	24	Trucking	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Remund	Irene	911 3rd St SW	22	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Remund	Joyce	911 3rd St SW	2	Child			Waseca	MN	56093
Remund	Eugene	911 3rd St SW	1	Child			Waseca	MN	56093
Riely	Earl	100 4th St	45	Driver	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Rienhardt	Edna	411 3rd St NE	21	Home Ec.	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Rienhardt	Harvey	411 3rd St NE	31	None	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093
Rienhardt	Justus	411 3rd St NE	76	Farmer	Yes	Yes	Waseca	MN	56093
Rienhardt	Caroline	411 3rd St NE	61	Housewife			Waseca	MN	56093
Rienhardt	Srlin	411 3rd St NE	33	Laborer	No	No	Waseca	MN	56093