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From the Co-Directors . . .

It's mid-summer and the weather has been c-r-a-z-y, along with the politics! But our WCHS annual summer events keep rolling along. At this writing, the state government has just re-opened after a three-week shut-down; and, WCHS is open. However, we did close the week after Chautauqua, because it preceded the County Fair so closely. Keeping the museum and library open and preparing for the fair was a dilemma this year, stretching staff and volunteers alike. Something had to give, and so we hope there hasn't been too much inconvenience.

Chautauqua reached an all-time high with 800 visitors on July 3!

The weather was great—no rain, moderate, but warm temps and sunny afternoon. We advertised more in area newspapers and positioned our easel posters strategically around town. Kieslers Campground, located directly across Hwy 14 was filled to capacity and helped promote by distributing our flyers to campers checking in. Our talent line-up was terrific. The tram from Farmamerica was back (after a rough winter), but many visitors walked or biked up the hill. Treats were plentiful as were volunteers working to get treats into the hands of thirsty and hungry visitors. The family crafts tent is always fun. The single best thing about Chautauqua is the number of grandparents with grandchildren, and three-generation families attending—the age-range which we know to be from a few months old to 90-somethings! They all had a great time!

Pavilion is Restored Special thanks to the City of Waseca Maplewood Task Force and the Parks Dept. for the recent installation of new lockable doors and shutters on the Park Pavilion.

Associated Lumber Mart donated building materials, and Roger Ashland and other volunteers donated the labor. We're grateful for the security and care for the historic Maplewood Pavilion that this effort represents. Everyone at Chautauqua appreciated how nice it looked. We hope the Pavilion will be used increasingly by residents and visitors throughout the year for family gatherings. (You may call Waseca City Hall (835-9700) to reserve its use.) Vandalism has declined due in part by our programs in Waseca elementary grades about the history and ecological significance of Maplewood Park. This is part of our purpose of holding the Chautauqua events there every year.

Garden Tour & Quilt Club Opening—August 7

Coming very soon is Waseca Garden Club's Garden Walk, coinciding with the Opening of the Stitchers-in-Time Quilt Club exhibit, "Quilting Memories" at the museum. Visit the exhibit opening beginning at 12-5 p.m. Then across the street at the Bailey-Lewer House is the starting point for the Waseca Garden Walk, 1-5 p.m. Both events are FREE and open to the public. Garden Club volunteers will be handing out maps, lemonade and home-baked cookies on the lawn. Browse through the heirloom gardens of the Bailey-Lewer house, tended by WCHS Co-Executive Director Joan Mooney. Bring sun bonnet and camera, it's a lovely day in Waseca, Minnesota—enjoy!



Bailey-Lewer House gardens

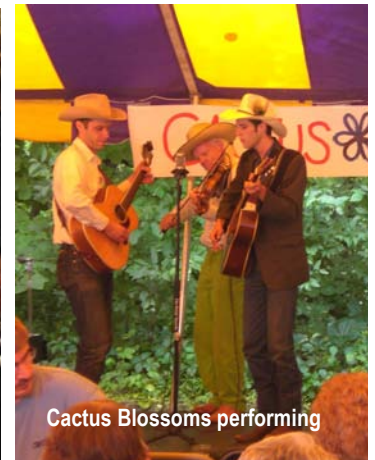
—Sheila Morris & Joan Mooney



Puppet Farms Arts returns with a very large, friendly wolf!



On the tram



Cactus Blossoms performing

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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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August 7: Open House, 12-5 p.m.

Stitchers-in-Time Quilt Guild presents “Quilted Memoirs,” on exhibit through the month of August.

August 7: Waseca Garden Club’s Garden Walk, 1-5 p.m.

Pick up maps, lemonade & cookies; start your tour at the **Bailey-Lewer Research Library** gardens tended by Joan Mooney—all sites FREE!

September 14: SROC (Southern Research & Outreach

Center) Open House—Look for the WCHS booth and sign up for a chance to win a Waseca County vintage sign—\$80 value—with a new or renewed WCHS membership!

October 17: WCHS Annual Supper Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

At the Waseca Masonic Temple, 831 3rd Avenue N.E. with catered supper & local entertainment. Watch for more information.

October 19: WCHS hosts LifePerks Meeting, 10 a.m.

At the museum, a program: “The Life of Waseca native son, Leroy Shield.”

November 5: Peg Mawby’s Sinter Klaas Markt, 9 a.m.

All new and beautifully created by Peg Mawby for sale for Christmas giving, or for your collection!

December 3 & 4: Holiday Open House, 12-5 p.m.

Christmas in the County—Come see Waseca County’s Timeline Preview display (featuring some of its unique events and people) and the museum decorated for the holidays!



discoverwaseca.com

Waseca Area Tourism & Visitor Board

WASECA COUNTY FAIR 2011— It Was a Hot Time!

Yes, it was! Our Hodgson Hall was ready, and bright, and fun, and free, except for the cheap concession (ice cream, pop and popcorn) treats—all 50 cents, the best deal at the fair!

But 90+ degree heat and humidity didn't keep Waseca County residents away from their county fair! About 4,500 visitors strolled through Hodgson Hall, browsed and bought from our Used Book Sale, posed as "Unzie" at the photo board, sat in the Country Schoolhouse #41 desks, experienced the 1850s log cabin, studied the 1950s Timeline panel, learned about Bob Hodgson, and purchased a treat!

We appreciate those visitors AND our many volunteers who helped "man" the concessions. They know who they are, but you don't—check the volunteer acknowledgments on page 7.



LEFT-TOP: Someone gets her picture taken as Unzie; LEFT: "Rockin' 1950s exhibit debuts; TOP: WCHS Membership booth beckons visitors to join WCHS; MIDDLE LEFT: Bre'Anna and Emily visit their favorite museum friends; MIDDLE RIGHT: Someone learning about Bob Hodgson for whom the building is named; and BOTTOM: Tim Stankey shares photos of the Smiths Mill Post Office his family operated, now on display at Hodgson Hall.

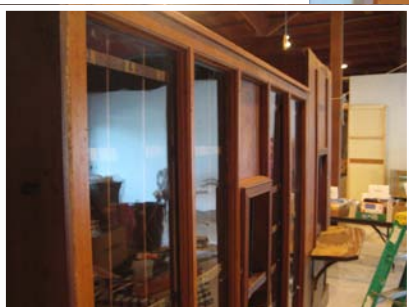
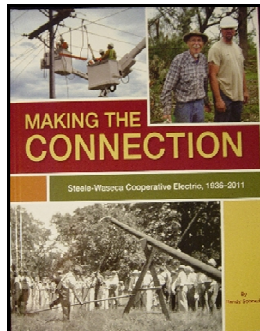
Into the Collection: ARTIFACTS

Here is a list of the items that were donated to WCHS in recent months. We never know what will walk through the door on any given day. We can only accept, maintain or interpret what is donated. So please call WCHS and ask us about donating artifacts from your family, business, farm, or organization. While we may not be able (due to space constraints) to accept everything, we want you to check with WCHS before throwing things. Also, you may have noticed that for some time we have been emphasizing the need for items from the 1940s, 50s and 60s now. Specifically, we are looking for a 1940s-1950s rotary dial telephone, a record player that plays 45s and LPs, 1960s cooking equipment, etc.

PLOWVILLE USA Thanks to Carol Wobschall, the Waseca County Historical Society Collection now contains a 1965 scrapbook of Plowville USA that was held at the Bob and Harlan Powell farms 2 1/2 miles north of Waseca on Highway 13 in September, 1965. The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings, a poster, flyer, map, color photo, several guest autographs and a *TV Guide* article detailing the events of the state and national plowing contests.

STEELE-WASECA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC HISTORY Randy Sobrack published his book, "Making the Connection, Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric History, 1936-2011," in May of 2011 and donated a copy to the Waseca County Historical Society Collection. Sobrack's book contains history of rural life before electricity, starting and building the electrical cooperative, decade by decade history from the 1930s through 2011. Each chapter contains a listing of general managers, boards of directors and employees.

We're very grateful to volunteers—Cap Peterson, Jim King and John Teskey for restoring the old Smiths Mill Post Office that was donated to WCHS last year. The Waseca County line runs right down the middle of main street Smiths Mill, MN. It was determined through research that the post office was indeed on the Waseca County side of the street!



Accepted between May and July 2011:

Sheila Morris: Monday Study programs 2007-2010

Rice Co. Historical Society: New Richland maps, 1941 & 1949

Pauline Fenelon: Memorabilia from Santo Produce, Janesville; Confirmation certificates and diplomas of Helen Johnson, 1915 and 1919, New Richland

Helen Fowler: Fowler Dairy butterfat measuring book

Deb Dobberstein: Women's clothing from the 1950s & 1970s

Bruce Lindner: Knights of Columbus Waseca, 1936 founding charter

Lynne Swenson: Janesville Library silver spoons

Mark Walbran: Moonan family book: *The Big Brick House*

Joe and Rosela Jewison: 1950 milk pasteurizer

Arlene Schmidt Peterson: Woodville Country School souvenir Card, Cyclone seed sower, 1951 bridesmaid dress

Joanne Hintz: Bishman house brick, Otisco

Harlan Schultz: Waseca Fire Department tintype

Leslie Christenson: Road overseer's poll tax pass book, Otisco, 1898

George Hagge: Sons in Service banner

Barbara Koplen: Nite Owls Extension Group albums and minutes, Waldorf, Alma City

Cindy Bjerke: Waseca Daily Journal cookbooks, 1970 and 80s

The Smiths Mill Post Office

The main street of Smiths Mill, MN marks the border between Blue Earth and Waseca Counties. The Stankeys recall that the job of Postmaster went from one side of the street to the other. When the administration changed, the job would go either to Stankey or an Irishman named Ryan who owned a small store on the other side of the street in Blue Earth County.

Charlie Stankey served as Postmaster for 26 years. Then Elsie Stankey took over as postal clerk until they closed the store in 1967. The Smiths Mill Post Office was located in the Stankey store for 91 years. The Smiths Mill Post Office served over 100 boxes on the rural route and over 30 in Smiths Mill proper.

Effective *September 1, 1967* the box holders at the post office were served by Janesville Post Office rural route carrier George Gomsrud and were absorbed into the route number 3. This action ceased the operation of the Smiths Mill Post Office, which was established on May 4, 1876.

Sources: *History of Blue Earth County*; "Janesville Argus", November 9, 1977; "Janesville Argus", January 31, 1964; "Mankato Free Press", August 22, 1967.

Preservation Efforts in Waseca County

Janesville Free Public Library is historical and architectural gem

Brief History of the Janesville Free Public Library



In April of 1911 the front page of the Janesville Argus announced the donation of the corner lot opposite the DeGraff House for the purpose of building a library. The donation of the land was given by Mr. J. Leslie Craig. On May 2, 1911 the City of Janesville secured \$5,000 from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, to build the Janesville Free Public Library. Plans were drawn and the building was completed in 1912. Miss Eva Harrington was the first librarian to serve in the Carnegie building.

While the Carnegie grant was used to construct the building, the Janesville community had to provide a suitable site and were expected to tax themselves at the annual rate of 10% of the grant amount. This requirement imposed by Carnegie ensured a long-term commitment for the purchase of books, staff costs and maintenance of the library building. The site on Main Street was donated by a resident of northern New York, J. Leslie Craig, in memory of his uncle, Dr. R.O. Craig. Local residents also supported the building of the library by raising approximately \$2,000.

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The Carnegie building continues to function as the Janesville Free Public Library and a community meeting place. The Janesville Free Library is a branch of the Traverse des Sioux Library system. The Traverse des Sioux Library System is a service agency that serves all the public libraries in the following Minnesota counties: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan.

The Janesville Free Public Library, built in 1912, is a one story Classical Revival style building with a raised basement and stone water table. The exterior is faced with beige brick and trimmed with stone. The building has a low-pitched, hipped roof, and gabled entrance covered with asphalt shingles. The main facade is dominated by a projecting entrance with a full pediment supported by two free-standing Tuscan columns. The stone columns are flanked by wide brick pilasters, and further stone detailing is used on the window sills and belt course. The pediment does not feature any ornamentation and the tympanum is faced with brick. Below this in the recessed doorway is a stone nameplate inscribed with the words, "Free Public Library." The library's symmetrical, temple-like facade is a common

characteristic found in the design of most Carnegie Libraries. Aside from refurbishing the library's windows, the Janesville Free Public Library remains intact without major extensions or additions, and continues to play an important role in the community. The Library was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1981. (See *MHS link*—www.placeography.org)

Clinton Rogers, Janesville City Administrator, and Joan Mooney, Waseca County Historical Society Co-Executive Director consulted with SHPO Historical Architect Mark Buechel in the Spring of 2008. Mr. Buechel visited the Library and acknowledged the repairs must be made to preserve the structure. Goodrich Construction, Mankato, MN is consulting with the group. The firm is familiar with the Secretary of the Interior Guidelines for Historic Structures and has experience working on National Register properties such as the Hubbard House in Mankato, MN. Goodrich was recommended by the Blue Earth Historical Society.

What is a Carnegie library? Andrew Carnegie was a steel mill magnate and philanthropist who believed in the importance of free libraries across the U.S. and abroad. Between 1883 and 1929 Carnegie helped build 3,500 libraries in the U.S. alone. His decision to build libraries coincided with the growth of mainstreet America, the public education movement, and the rise of women's clubs who advocated for libraries in the last half of the 19th century. Carnegie Libraries were often the most architecturally noted buildings in a community, as he insisted on the classic designs of the day.

Nearly all Carnegie libraries were built requiring matching contributions from the town that received the donation, and adherence to these guidelines: 1) demonstrate the need for a public library; 2) provide the building site; 3) annually provide ten percent of the cost of the library's construction to support its operation; and, 4) provide free service to all.

One of the requirements was the willingness of people and government to raise funds to support a library. The amount of money donated to most communities averaged \$2 per person. The program was never without requests.

Over the decades hundreds of the library buildings have been converted into museums, community centers, office buildings and residences, but more than half of those in the United States still serve their communities as libraries—over a century after their construction.



Thanks to Volunteers, Donors & Members!

As of April 14-July 31, 2011

Our membership varies daily, but has maintained between 500-600 members from all over the county and country! For a complete list of members, contact Sheila Morris, 835-7700. Newsletter space does not allow us to print the entire membership list.

RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS

Anderson, Bernie & Jill
Arvesen, Eileen
Barden, Peter
Bendix, John & Deanna
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Bohmbach, Vivian
Burger, Dr. Carrie
Byron, John
Carlson, Art & Nina
Dehnert, Monty & Barbara
Dunn, Dave
Fox, Jim & Elaine
Fuller, Becky
Galvin, Grace
Gasner, Eunice
Harguth, Dorothy
Kastner, Bonnie
Kopischke, Barbara
Madden, Patrick
Miller, Jean
Mittelstaedt, Zita
Nelson, Richard & Carolyn
Prail, Bob & Jan
Rausch, Bill & Cookie
Raymond, Ellen
Remund, Trudi
Roemhildt, Ken & Geri
Roemhildt, Scott & Amy
Rogers, Clinton
Rosenthal, Kathleen
Routh, Warren
Salmon, Julie
Samudio, Ken
Schultz, Harlan
Selvik, Luella
Siems, Don
Suemnick, Phyllis
Welch, Eugene
Welch, Janet
Wildgrube, Barb
Wildgrube, Beverly
Wilkus, Marilyn
Wynnemer, Jody
Zimprich, Shirley

Sustainers-\$100/year

King, Jim & Barb

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Allen, Cynthia
Birch, Kim
Hand, Larry
Kelly, George
King, Debra

Larson, Tink
Manthe, Joan
Marvin, Bill
McCarthy, Virginia & Jerry
Miller, Andy & Kathleen
Peterson, Todd
Schultz, Janet
Selvik, Bruce & Debbie
Starkey, Brenda
Vogler, William J.
Wild, Cari
Youngberg, Katie, Oliver & Henry

DONATIONS / UNRESTRICTED

Funds contributed and available for WCHS Operations

Memorials

In memory of Homer McIntire

by Constance M. Mahler
by Keith & Wilda Smith
by Carol Wobschall

In memory of John McLoone

by Mark Moonan Walbran
by Russ & Marie Tesch
by Carol Wobschall

In memory of Bonnie Lewis

by Donna Fostveit

In memory of Joan Mischka

by Donna Fostveit

In memory of David Swenson

by Donna Fostveit
by Mrs. Lynne Swenson
& family
by Friends

In memory of Lorraine Schmidt

by Donna Fostveit

In memory of Janet Roeglin

by Donna Fostveit
by Friends & Family
by Caryn Wendt-Waseca
Secretarial Service

In memory of Ken Wendland

by Nita Oelke
by Keith & Wilda Smith
by Eugene & Mary Scheffert
by Henry & Phyllis Lewer
by Caryn Wendt-Waseca
Secretarial Service
by Carol Wobschall

In memory of Andrea Olsen

by Patricia & William Hoversten

In memory of Nancy Boyer Krueger

by Donna Fostveit

In memory of Beulah Rohde

by Caryn Wendt-Waseca Secretarial

In memory of Vivian Peterson

by Caryn Wendt-Waseca Secretarial

In memory of Dorothy Zander

by Caryn Wendt-Waseca Secretarial

In memory of Evelyn Powell Wetzel

by Carol Wobschall

Other Donations (Unrestricted)

Janesville Community Chest
Buscho, Gwen

Knights of Columbus, Council #2768
Dunn, Dave
Root (Jeff) family
Itron Employees/Karen Lechner
Gasner, Eunice

Appropriations

Alton Township (\$300)
Waseca County (\$30,000)
City of Waseca (\$2,100)

DONATIONS / RESTRICTED

For specific purposes)

Memorials (Restricted)

In memory of Janet Roeglin, to the Bailey-Lewer Library

by Margaret Sinn

In memory of Frank & Barbara Goodspeed, to the Frank & Barbara Goodspeed Memorial Endowment Fund

by Dorothy Moriarty

In memory of Nancy B. Krueger, to the Bailey-Lewer Research Library

by Delency & JoAnn Sutlief
by Bob & Janette Larson
by Blake & Mary Krueger
by Brian & Jean Krueger

Other Donations (Restricted)

To WCHS Genealogy & th Bailey-Lewer Library

by Eugene Welch

To support the WCHS Annual Meeting at the Waseca Masonic Temple
by Dr. Wes Rethwill

Grants Received

For WCHS Chautauqua
by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

VOLUNTEERS

Allen, Sharon
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Kanewischer, Trevor
Lechner, Karen
Lundquist, Jean
Morris, Bre'Anna
Searle, Rod & Ruth

Chautauqua

Abbe, Boyd
Barbknecht, Erica
Batt, Gail
Beckmann, Pat
Breon, Renae
Butler, Gloria
Culligan Water Co.
Denouden, Sara
Dvorak, Mark
Espe, Charles & Kathy
Forsythe, Diane, Erica & Ellery
Fostveit, Donna

Greeney, Josh
Green, Rebecca
Herzog, Veronica
Holmquist, Harlan
Hy-Vee
Jones, Karl
Kieslers Campground
King, Jim
Lundquist, Ole & Jean
Markell, Deb, Elizabeth
Mathern, Charlie
Matz-Christ, Sammi
Mork, Marty
Morris, Bre'Anna, Bryan, Bruce
Morris, Rick
Olson, Jennifer
Priebe, John, Jr.
Rathmann, Duane
Remund, Trudie
Roberts, Chase
Roemhildt, Scott & Amy
Schoenfeld, Ruth
Searle, Rod & Ruth
Smith, Keith
Southern Minny-Buzz
Stoltz, Emily
Tesch, Russ & Marie
Tippy, Jim
Wadd, Marita
Waseca County News
Wynnemer, Don
Youngberg, Katie, Henry
Zimprich, Jon

County Fair

Abbe, Boyd & Sheila
Berger, Doris
Boyce, Bruce
Burschem, Shanae
Espe, Charles
Fostveit, Donna
Holmquist, Harlan
Hunter, Jan
Johnson, Jodi
Jones, Karl
King, Jim & Barb
Lechner, Karen
Lewer, Henry
Lundquist, Jean
Meyer, Clark
Morris, Bre'Anna
Piche, Tom
Roemhildt, Scott
Searle, Rod & Ruth
Swenson, Dan
Tippy, Jim
Wynnemer, Don
Zwach, Don

Waseca County Timeline: Highlights of our History

So many times visitors from out of town stop in, particularly over the summer months, and they are just curious about our town and our county. “May we see your exhibits?” Does it cost anything? What’s your history about? Well, as your museum and research library staff, we can talk the history and answer questions the best we can, but what they really want is to walk around and see something of our history—YOU do, too! In



Orville Fretham and his date (unidentified) at the 1955 Waseca High School prom.

the recent past, we’ve brought you many seasonal and timely exhibits, annual holiday community participation exhibits, and maintained our schedule of annual off-site events like Ice Harvest, Chautauqua, and the County Fair. With a part-time staff working at fundraising and development needs, there was little time to work on the permanent display of county history. This Fall 2011 we will exhibit a “paper proof” of the Timeline of Waseca County. “Paper proof” because you need to see it, study

it, and have a chance to suggest revisions, add stories, memories, photographs, and artifacts. At some point the decision will be made to order the permanent panels. But the artifacts will revolve, the added narratives and stories will revolve. And the history of Waseca county will be a permanent feature on display

to be viewed whenever the museum is open. We also want to add this information to our website, but that will come with a new design later in the new year 2012.

So expect to participate. You saw the first section at Hodgson Hall at the Waseca County Fair. We jumped right into the middle of our history with “The Rockin’ 1950s” and in doing so, found out that WCHS has very few artifacts to illustrate and interpret life in the 1950s. What kinds of stories and things do *you* have to enhance our exhibit? Come see what WCHS is all about!



Membership Support is the Best!



Members, you should know that you all number between 550 and 650! Did you know that you WCHS members are from all over the county, the U.S, in Asia, Canada and Europe, too? Membership is “friend-ing” and it tells us that you want WCHS to continue its mission and purpose. If you want to learn more about how WCHS is funded, we recently created a four-page brochure that explains it in narrative and pie-chart. Let us know if you would like a printed copy or this fall, go on our website and read it online. The main point of learning about our funding is the need for you to understand our need to have balanced funding; that no one entity or area of support is less important than the other. We need support from each area to leverage the potential of receiving support from the other areas. That’s what

managing a non-profit is like. In business, you want the broadest customer base possible to stay in business.

So if you are so inclined please consider: 1) Renewing your membership; 2) Advocating on behalf of WCHS and asking your friends and neighbors to join WCHS; 3) Advocating on behalf of WCHS to the county commission, city councils and township boards for support (just mentioning your own support to officials lets them know that their constituency cares about WCHS); Purchase Gift Memberships for family members; 4) Contributing to one of our endowment funds; 5) Planning the Gift of a Bequest or other financial instrument.



If you don’t have the resources for a financial gift, consider volunteering your time. Our annual events need new people to assist with planning and presenting. It’s your history—*Look Forward to Our Past!*

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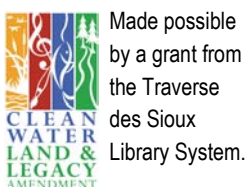
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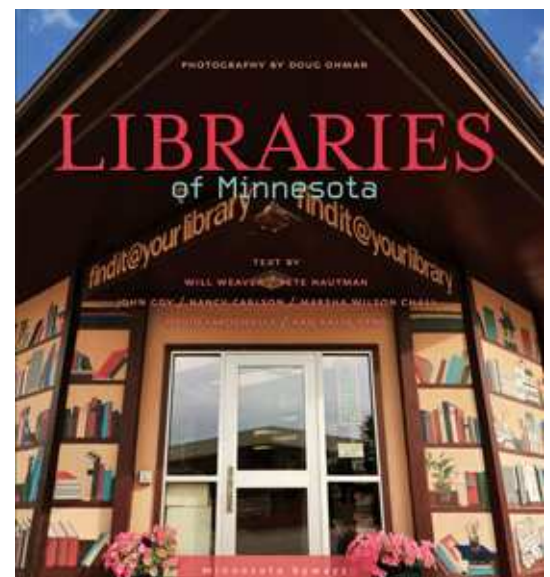
will speak about his latest book, *Libraries of Minnesota*, at the Janesville Library, 100 W. 2nd Street.

August 24, 6:30 p.m.

Booksigning follows / Free and open to the public. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Made possible by a grant from the Traverse des Sioux Library System.



WAGS RAG

WASECA AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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

Gathering Family Memories

By Maureen Taylor, reprinted from Genealogy.com

Continued from the last issue of WAGS Rag

Save a Tradition

Every family develops a set of traditions around certain holidays and family events. Are certain foods served? Is there a special series of events that occur at the same time each year? The next time you see a tradition being reenacted, step back and ask a series of questions. Find out why it is a tradition and who started it. Capture the memories on film or video as they are happening so that you can continue the practice. These traditions are clues to the history of your family. In the article The Ties that Bind, Dr. Susan Coady discusses why family traditions are important and how we developed them.

Take a Trip

Once you've accumulated material about the places your ancestors lived, it might be time to actually visit those locations to see relatives that still live in the area or find out more about your family's time there. Most people think about overseas travel, but your family history may be in the United States. When you plan an itinerary, try to recreate the lives of your ancestors by walking in their footsteps. You can take an older or younger relative with you to explore. Be there while your relative rediscovers their old haunts and recounts long buried memories, or help a younger generation make new ones.

Pass on a Legacy

Now that you've worked hard to create a legacy for future generations, take time to put it all together so that your efforts won't be wasted. Seek out family members willing to help you put together a family history, a heritage scrapbook or create a family web page. The final product is irrelevant as long as the memories you've gathered remain intact for others to enjoy. As the family historian documenting each part of

a family's existence, take time to research the background of the stories, traditions and skills present in your family. Look behind the memories to see the historical trends and circumstances that led to their inception. You might be surprised at what you discover!

Along Those Lines

By George G. Morgan . . . From the internet

Common Research Wrong Turns

Good research methods are essential if you are to locate the best information about your ancestors and if you are to come to the right conclusions about them. We've all been guilty of making errors or omissions in our research at some time or another. Some of these common mistakes can take us down the wrong road, sometimes putting us on the trail of someone else's ancestry altogether.

Let's identify and define some of the most common research wrong turns.

Use of Limited Resources

First, you have to realize that you can only locate so much information by looking at only a few types of records. Census records, family Bibles, marriage and death certificates are good places to start, but there are so many other sources that can yield clues. These include probate packets, land and property records, tax rolls, court records, ships' passenger lists, immigration and naturalization records, Social Security and Railroad Retirement records, city directories, military service and pension records, and publications of genealogical and historical societies, to name a few. The key is to not limit yourself; there are so many alternate resources to be studied.

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for the rest of the story . . .



Waseca City Census - 1934 Continues

Last	First	Address	Age	Occupation	Own Home	Car	City
Riegler	Mrs. E.	505 4th St SW	68	Cooking	No	No	Waseca
Rieke	Ben	512 7th Ave NW	44	Mgr. Hatchery	No	Yes	Waseca
Rieke	Marian	512 7th Ave NW	39	Housewife			Waseca
Rieke	Robert	512 7th Ave NW	10	Student			Waseca
Rieke	Madge Mary	512 7th Ave NW	7	Student			Waseca
Rieke	Alyson	512 7th Ave NW	6	Student			Waseca
Ringer	Mrs. H.	323 2nd St NW	69	Housewife	Yes	No	Waseca
Ristau	Mrs. Otelia	121 6th Ave NW	61	None	Yes	No	Waseca
Ristau	R. J.	808 7th Ave NE	59	Farmer	Yes	Yes	Waseca
Ristau	Hulda	808 7th Ave NE	58	Housewife			Waseca
Ristau	Marvel	808 7th Ave NE	17	Housemaid			Waseca
Ristau	Iverson Helen	808 7th Ave NE	4	Child			Waseca
Robbers	Marie	124 2nd Ave NE	41	Housework	No	No	Waseca
Robinson	Frank	300 2nd Ave	19	Laborer	No	No	Waseca
Robinson	James	300 2nd Ave	46	Laborer	No	Yes	Waseca
Robinson	Amanda	300 2nd Ave	46	Housewife			Waseca
Robran	Clarence	602 3rd St SW	26	Section	No	No	Waseca
Robran	George	602 3rd St SW	59	Laborer	No	No	Waseca
Robran	Hattie	602 3rd St SW	47	Housewife			Waseca
Robran	Francis	602 3rd St SW	16	Student			Waseca
Robran	Melvin	602 3rd St SW	17	None			Waseca
Robran	Ernie	602 3rd St SW	14	Student			Waseca
Robran	Lawrence	602 3rd St SW	12	Student			Waseca
Robran	Cecil	602 3rd St SW	10	Student			Waseca
Robran	Elaine	602 3rd St SW	6	Student			Waseca
Roe	Mrs. Margaret	712 4th Ave NE	74	None	No	No	Waseca
Roeglin	Mr. Ernest	919 S State St	36	Plasterer	No	Yes	Waseca
Roeglin	Mrs. Ernest	919 S State St	34	Housewife			Waseca
Roeglin	Germaine	919 S State St	6	Child			Waseca
Roeglin	Richard	919 S State St	1	Child			Waseca
Roeglin	Imogene	919 S State St	11	Student			Waseca
Roeglin	Lorraine	919 S State St	13	Student			Waseca
Roemhildt	Hattie	500 N State St	36	Housemaid	No	No	Waseca
Roesler	Adeline	301 4th Ave NE	36	Nurse	No	No	Waseca
Roesler	Mrs. Emma	413 4th Ave NE	60	Housewife	Yes	Yes	Waseca
Roesler	Ethel	413 4th Ave NE	26	None	No	No	Waseca
Roesler Jr	Fred	301 4th Ave NE	30	Accountant	No	No	Waseca
Roesler	Belvie	301 4th Ave NE	32	Housewife			Waseca
Roesler	Joan	301 4th Ave NE	3	Child			Waseca
Roesler	Phillip	301 4th Ave NE	3 Mo	Child			Waseca
Roesler	Fred W.	301 4th Ave NE	72	Retired	Yes	No	Waseca
Roesler	Bertha	301 4th Ave NE	65	Housewife			Waseca
Roesler	Harvey	609 4th Ave SE	30	Truck Driver	No	No	Waseca
Roesler	Magdaline	609 4th Ave SE	25	Housewife			Waseca
Roesler	Marvin	609 4th Ave SE	5	Child			Waseca
Roesler	Jeanette	609 4th Ave SE	2	Child			Waseca