

# SIBLEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## Calendar of Events

Check our website for 2013 programs. The next issues of the newsletter will have the programs listed, also page 8.

- Check website for details
- TUES. June 25 Noack Locker Plant and Hatchery
- TUES. July 23 MN Historical Soc. And more!
- TUES. Aug 27 From Wasioja to Washington, Michael Eckers. Site to be determined
- If you have suggestions or comments on upcoming events .... Contact Judy Loewe 507-248-3345 **Calendar Subject to Change.**

## Picture Perfect

By Richard H. Goms Jr.

On October 15, 2007, I was walking the streets of Helena, Montana trying to identify an old family photograph in my hand. My grandfather, Herbert Goms, after whom I was named, and a group of people all in Shriners costumes were standing in front of several buildings, a hill in the background and a couple of blurry business signs in the foreground. With the help of the Montana State Historical Society and local businessmen, I finally located the spot where that picture had been taken, with buildings that had changed only slightly. I turned around and there was the Shrine Temple, still standing, across the street from where the picture was taken. My concentration was interrupted by a phone call on my cell from a man in

Minnesota. He introduced himself as Brian Schultz, possibly a relative. He became a great help with my family research.

In order to continue my story and tie it all together, I must go back a ways. When I began genealogical research I learned that Herbert's grandfather, father, mother and two uncles had come from Europe and settled in Henderson, Sibley County, Minnesota. After Herbert's father passed away in the early twentieth century, he, his mother and his siblings relocated to Havre, Montana. Herbert's two sisters married and had families in Havre.

Unable to locate these families in any other manner I wrote to the Havre Daily News. It was in the days before personal computers, the Internet and email. My letter (see below) appeared in the February 19, 1979 edition:

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## letter

### Please help get family together

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in hopes of locating some living relatives of a family which was separated years ago. Something happened around the turn of the century that split up our family so badly that only near the end of his life did my grandfather tell us anything about the family. Through my own research effort have obtained some information. My great grandparents

William Frederick Goms and Bertha G. Goms (maiden name Werner) came from Prussia in 1871 and settled in Henderson, Minn. One of their six children, Emma Lena was born August 23, 1878 and married David A. Armstrong July 28, 1902. They moved to Havre where David died in 1934 and Emma died in 1965. She had been in the Sixth Ave. Rest Home. Both of the Armstrongs are buried in your local cemetery.

Frederick W. Goms remained single and died in Havre, November 21, 1945.

Herbert C. Goms was a clerk for Clerk and Recorder John H. Devine in 1918. He married Esther Mae Morris of a well-known Havre family July 1, 1918 and joined the army a few months later. When he returned he and his wife moved to Minneapolis. These were my grandparents and this was in about 1922.

My great grandmother Bertha moved to Havre in about 1913 after her husband's death. She died in December 1928.

If you published all or part of this letter maybe I could locate members of the Barrett or Armstrong families or might reach someone who knew the Goms family during those times.

Richard Herbert Goms Jr.  
61 South 200 West  
American Fork, Utah 84003



## The Prez Sez

by Jerome Petersen

Thanks to all who came to our annual meeting and to those who helped with planning and setting the programs up. We were pleased with the turnout and presentations. What a great bunch of volunteers! Hahns served an excellent

meal, as always. We learned some of Winthrop's history and the Mayor told about the town's progress. Dorothy Petersen updated the group on the Country School Project. We were invited to the Winthrop Historical Society Museum on the edge of town after our meeting. We

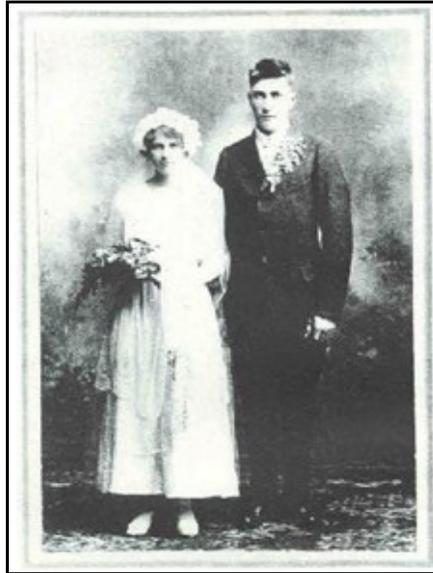
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My efforts were rewarded and during the worst weekend of the year, weather wise, we had a family reunion. One woman compiled a set of thirty unidentified photographs coming mostly from a collection of Herbert's mother, Bertha (Werner) Goms. She arranged them on legal-sized paper, photocopied them and sent the copies to me to distribute among the Goms relatives I had located in the Midwest. Unfortunately, the originals were soon afterwards destroyed.

After sending out about a half-dozen copies of the photos on ten or more pages, I received one response from a very surprised lady, Hilda Preuss, who wanted to know where I got her 1935 wedding photo



In 1880, Mathias M. Simmer established his photo studio in Henderson. Reviewing Bertha's collection of photos by the Simmer studio, I noticed a pattern. During the first few years, the name "M.M. Simmer" was *hand-lettered* on the mat below the photographs. From then until about 1900, the name was professionally printed on the mat below the picture. From about 1900 until 1910, this name was *embossed* on the mat. "H.N. Simmer," his son, took over the business and also embossed his name on the mat. Another studio, "N. Peterson," also had a professionally printed logo before 1900. With historical society verification, I narrowed when each photograph was taken.

One photocopied picture was that of a local fire department. It is hard to see any detail in this photo, and it is impossible to enlarge. No one in the family knew who these people were. With this collection was a newspaper article reporting a "Resolution" by the Henderson Fire Department regarding the unexpected loss of their brother fireman, Fred Goms, Bertha's husband. It was signed by Frank C. Weber, chief, and A.H. Stucke, the Asst. Chief. Checking the newspaper, it was determined that this was the only announcement of his death.



Bringing this photo to the attention of the Sibley County Historical Society in Henderson, they found the following original photo in their collection:



This photo was so clear that it could be enlarged to read the insignia. The two

men sitting are Frank C. Weber, Chief, and August H. Stucke, Asst. Chief. They have lapel badges on both lapels of their coats, and their hat insignias read "Chief" and "Asst Chief." On the back is written "the foremen of our four companies, one hand ladder (hook & ladder), two hose, one salvage." Since this photo and the newspaper article were in the possession of Bertha Goms, one of these standing men has to be her husband and Herbert's father, Fred. This photo was taken in the Simmer Studio about 1910 when Fred would have been about 60. Comparison with fire Department photos in the historical society's possession identifying two of the other foremen, and comparison with photos of Fred's children, leaves little doubt that Fred is the second from the left standing.

Compare Fred's ears, eyes, nose, chin and facial shape



with those of his son, Herbert Goms at about the same age. They are almost identical.

Years went by until PC's and Internet were developed and became popular forms of genealogy research. With some editing software, I was able to bring some of these photocopies back to viewable condition. From photos taken at professional studios, I determined the years the studios were in business. I also determined that all the photos were of relatives of Bertha, and these relatives had the originals.

Beginning in September 2006, researching on the Internet I learned that Bertha's mother and six surviving siblings had also come from Lobsens, Posen, Prussia after the death of their father. They arrived in Castle Garden, New York. Of these seven surviving children, all but three settled in Minnesota, married and had families. The other three settled in the San Francisco area. Armed with the new information, and using deductive logic, I was able to tentatively identify about a dozen photos.

There were several taken in Henderson and others taken in parts of Minnesota that I knew the Goms family had never lived. Several of the townships in which these Werner relatives lived matched with studio addresses. I decided that I needed some mass advertising to locate descendants of Bertha's siblings. The Tri-County News and the Henderson Independent seemed to have the best circulation in those counties.

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In May 2007, five months before Brian Schultz called me, the Henderson newspaper printed a short family synopsis I provided them about the Goms and Werner families. There was no response. After determining that some of these photos may be Werner relatives in Minnesota, on October 8, 2007, I sent a scanned image of the following photocopy of a photo from Bertha's collection and a request to publish to the Tri-County News (TCN). The back of the photo was marked M.O. Bue Studio in Cottonwood, Minnesota. Along with the photo I included my analysis of who might be in the photo:



M. Olson Bue arrived from Sweden in 1907 and established an art studio in Cottonwood, Lyon County. August Werner married Louisa Brunsick in Sibley County and relocated to a farm in Underwood, Redwood County. Since Underwood borders Lyon County, I deduced it might be the wedding photo of one of the children of August and Louisa Werner. The following Redwood County marriages, daughters of August and Louisa, were recorded: Mary Werner (age 23) to Albert Buesing in 1911, Bertha Werner (age 20) to Paul Busack in 1910, Auguste

Werner (age 30) to Paul Zimmer in 1925, Rose Werner (age 25) to Alberhart Thoele in 1924, or Esther Werner (age 25) to John Marks in 1928.

After the photo appeared in the newspaper, I received that call from Brian on October 15. On October 24, I received an email reply from the TCN newspaper editor. "Richard, I had one contact on the old photo. Arlo Zimmer of Echo said it is his aunt, Mary Werner, marrying, Albert Buesing [in 1911]. He requested a copy of your e-mail . . ." Ida Kesteloot.

On November 18, 2007, I received a completely unrelated email from Terry Goettl in Mankato, Minnesota. He had found my name and email, and although he did not tell the source, I imagine it was from one of those two newspapers. His grandfather was Ferdinand Werner, a brother of August Werner and Bertha Goms who also settled in Redwood County; Vesta to be precise. He requested, and I sent him, multiple copies of the 8-1/2 by 14" sheets of Bertha's photos to pass around among August, Ferdinand and Charlotte (Werner) Thoele's descendants.

He was excited to learn about his family history, and without my asking, he literally went door-to-door in Sibley, Redwood and neighboring counties visiting with relatives he had not seen in a long time and some that he had never met, showing them the black and white photocopies.

Aside from the opportunity to meet with family and update my family charts, he collected and scanned over half-a-dozen photographs of the families and emailed them to me. Over the next couple of years, he spent time in those county courthouses and with the Min-

nesota Historical Society in St. Paul trying to fill in the blanks of my preliminary family chart all the way to the present day.

This is another photocopy in Bertha Goms' collection. There are no markings on it. Of her siblings, only Terry's grandparents, Ferdinand and Bertha (Gutknecht) Werner, had a daughter first and then a son. They were married in 1893. Since these people appear as a young family, and Ferdinand's and Bertha's daughter, Minnie, was born in 1894, and son, Otto, was born in 1896, from their apparent ages, I deduced that this photo was taken about 1897 in Vesta, Redwood County, four years after their marriage.

Terry Goettl's perseverance located an original copy of the photo on the family, below. It was in the possession of



the grandson of Carl Gutknecht, brother of Bertha (Gutknecht) Werner, proving my theory.

Having had previous success with the Henderson newspaper, on January 24, 2008, I emailed a scanned image of this photocopy with my request. Since Henry and Charlotte

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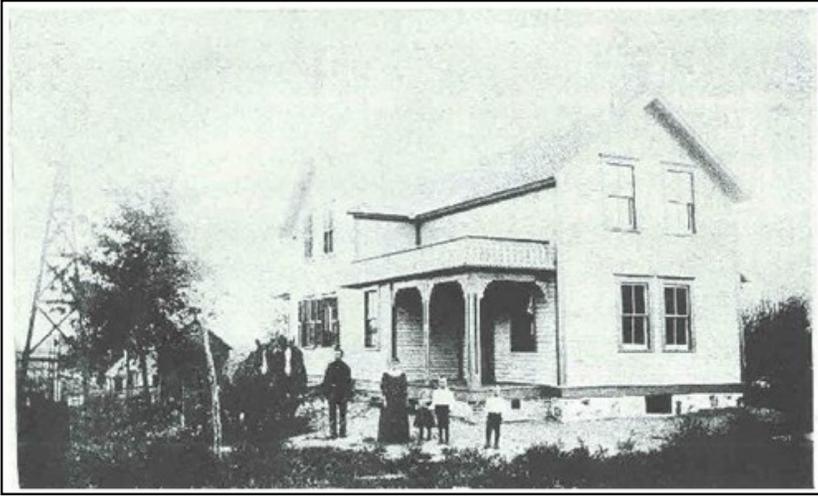


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(Werner) Thoele, another of Bertha's sisters, had two boys first and then a girl, I surmised that the family included, left to right, Henry (age 33), Charlotte (age 29), Alma (age 3), Ernest (age 7), and Harry (age 5), taken in Arlington, Sibley County, Minnesota in 1894, before son Frederick was born in 1895.

steaks Friday evening, so I took my camera, and bingo; the house was there . . ."

On February 10, 2008, I received an email from Terry about another photo in Bertha's collection. He located Bernard Rucks, son of Alma Thoele and Emil A. Rucks who identified the next photo. Bernard knew the identity of the three men on the left, center rear, and right of the picture, but he did not know when and where it was taken. Fred Thoele is on the left,



The email response I received from "Roger Just" in February was better than I could have hoped for. He stated, "This is the picture of the house in last weeks paper. It is located 2 or 3 miles east of Gaylord on land that was owned by Henry Thoele (who is in the picture) at the time that the picture [above] was taken. Present occupants are Maurice and Shirley Solmonson. As I understand it Shirley is a granddaughter of Charlotte and Henry Thoele." Later, Roger said, "My family has had a long association with neighboring (Arlington) Thoele families through four generations now, but I am not related. However we did not have the same close association with the 'Gaylord' Thoeles, and right now I am not sure just how large the greater Thoele family is. My father may have known but he was 'quiet' and usually would open up only when people would visit and 'talk'. Personally, I have recently become more aware of the 'Thoeles' by being involved in work for the New Rome church cemetery and some of the family history 'stuff' that I am working on. I answered the newspaper article only because the two articles and pictures both mentioned the Thoeles and it piqued my interest because of that. We are geographically located at the western edge of the Henderson subscription area, and even if the neighboring Thoeles are only a mile away, they do almost all of their business in the Arlington area, so probably do not get the Henderson paper. I felt that I may be one of the few people who could make the connection between the old photo and the present, so I began to look, knowing that there were Thoeles near Gaylord. I took my 1893 county atlas and found the Henry Thoele farm right away. We went to Gaylord for



Emil A. Rucks is in the center rear, and Ernest Thoele is on the right. Center front is not known.



It seemed odd to us that Emil and his brothers-in-law, Ernst and Fred, would have their picture taken together. Emil A. Rucks married Alma Thoele on July 6, 1917. He would have been nineteen. Ernst Thoele next married Elsie Schulueter on June 5, 1919. He would have been thirty. Since Ernst is in the picture, and it appears to be a dress-up occasion, it seems likely it was taken at Ernst's wedding. Fred Thoele would have been twenty-four, Emil A. Rucks would have been twenty-two, and that is how old these three men appear to be. That is where the brothers-in-laws could have been together wearing suits and ties.

Besides making photocopies of Bertha's collection, the lady I mentioned also made photographic copies of a few. She leaned this one up against the couch and took a photo of it with her camera. That is why the bottom looks like it is closer than the top and also appears out-of-focus. The front of the photo says, "Beck Bros. Studio, 1140 Market St., San Francisco - 1 Apr 1897." The back says, "Willie, age four, Robbie, age two, and Harry, age six." These are children of Auguste (Werner) West, one of Bertha's sisters living in San Francisco. Even though the county records were destroyed in the 1906 Earthquake

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and Fire, Auguste's marriage and the births of her children were reported in the *San Francisco Call* newspaper, available on the Internet.

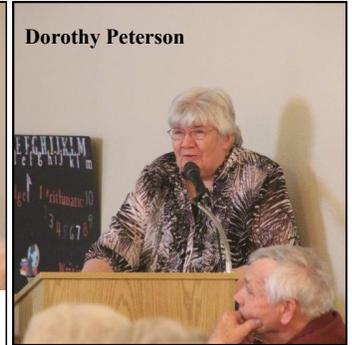


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had a number of drawings. The winners were; books by Harriet Traxler *Murder in Faxon* won by Bert Karels and Arlene Busse, book by Dean Tautges *Rhythm of our Roots*, won by Donna Gleisner, invitations to our fabulous porch party won by Wayne Buss and his guest Virjean Scheindeldecker, and Phil Delzer and his guest. We drew two names and these people could pick someone's name for a one year complimentary family membership. Dwight Grabit-



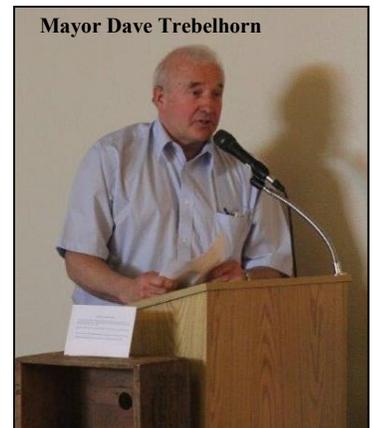
Dean Tautges



Dorothy Peterson



Karen Klenk



Mayor Dave Trebelhorn

recent search of the Internet turned up the descendants of Henry Phillip "Harry" West. Daughter-in-law, Verna Ruth (Steele) West (age 82) sent me the following scanned image of the original photo as well as many other family photos.



Although the original photos were destroyed, I was able to enhance some of the poor photocopies to be identifiable; with help and genealogical research, I replaced some with the originals from descendants of the senders; and with some that could not be replaced, relatives were able to at least identify the photos. I kept Brian, Roger and Terry abreast of new developments and they worked together to share the photos with those who might know of their origins. The most important things I learned from this project was, relatives, even distant ones have photos, letters, stories and documents that add to our family histories, helping us remember our ancestors. Also, small town newspapers can put us in contact with those who knew our ancestors best.

ske selected Eric and Leslie Kaesermann and family, and Dean Tautges named Melvin and Genny Neyers. We have our meetings in April after lent because the weather is nice by then. Oops! Not so nice this year. There was snow, cold, rain and icy roads. Some people did not come because of the weather.

The May program was in New Auburn and was the history of the town presented by Kathy Ringo and other members of their research team. New Auburn is one of the oldest towns in the county dating back to the mid 1850s. The July program will be about the Noack Locker Plant and Hatchery from Arlington. They started over 100 years ago. When I was a kid they used to get eggs at our farm. Judy Loewe is the program director. She always comes up with new and great ideas for programs and tours. On June 16th the program was Judy and Glen Loewe's 50th wedding anniversary celebration. CONGRATULATIONS!! Another project

Judy has been working hard on is cleaning and trimming all the shrubbery around the museum property. The grounds look nice. Al and Lowell did some work weeding, a dangerous

Happy 50th Anniversary to  
Judy and Glen Loewe

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job if you are like me and can't tell the good guy plants from the bad guy plants. Al is a little better than me, Lowell is an expert. But he said he will take a bag along to put the weeds he pulls, and then there will be no evidence for criticism.

We had our first porch party on June 11. In addition to our regulars, we had some special guests; Donna and Charles Meyer, Verjean Schindeldecker and Eldrene Elbert. Next party Eldrene will just be one of the regulars. Some of the invitees were unable to come because of other commitments, and will get in-

vited next time. All the special guests brought things to serve even though they were guests. Thank you special guests! That makes you *extra* special guests!

Steve Briggs Herr Vebmeister) is improving our website on a regular basis. The latest addition is a file of names from the Ostrom files. Keep in mind that names get added to the list regularly. But you can do a search for your family. Then prints can be ordered. There is more country school information. The picture below is part of the new theme. There is an assortment of items to view; clothing, books, posters, photo-



graphs, desks, maps etc. Joan Eckert gave us some old school books, the oldest, a songbook a student had signed her name and the date was 1874.

We took the show on the road. This is some of our able staff, RuthAnn and Mary manning the table at the SIBLEY COUNTY SEN-



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# COUNTRY SCHOOL PROJECT

By Dorothy Peterson

Do you remember. . . marshmallow roasting, recess time, 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, end of year picnics, teachers and classmates. . .

Harriet Traxler and Ruth Ann have been taking pictures of the schools that are still in existence, whether they be private homes, town halls or are being used for other things. They have photographed a number of them in the Henderson area and will be moving west in the next few weeks and months. If you know where there are previous school buildings that still exist, contact us at the museum, 507 248 3434, or e-mail us at

[schs1@frontiernet.net](mailto:schs1@frontiernet.net). Maybe you have one of these old gems on your farm now being used as a home, a granary, chicken barn, or garage; if so, please let us know where it is and if we could take a picture of it. We are also planning to take pictures of the areas where schools once stood but now are only a tangle of trees or a farm field, so please include those locations if you know of any. We hope to be working with local newspapers in the upcoming weeks about a series of articles and pictures asking for help with those areas from which we have not yet received any information. We still have a long way to go to get all the information we know is out there somewhere. We are in need of information from districts in every township, especially Alfsborg, Transit, Sibley and



We hope so, and we hope you will share those memories with us. The Country School Book project is off to a great start with numerous pictures, memories and memorabilia of former Sibley County rural schools and students being brought to us for scanning. We appreciate all the extra effort that Ruben & Eldrene Ebert and Ruth Ann Buck have done in calling and visiting people who have contacted us or indicated that they have information for us. Sharon Shimota has been kept busy scanning the pictures they have brought in. Volunteers will continue to contact people for pictures and stories of school experiences, but if you have information we could use and we don't contact you, please call us. **To get the best quality pictures for our book we would prefer to have original pictures that we can scan rather than a copy that you have made.** We will scan and return them to you as soon as possible. Your help is greatly appreciated. You are also welcome to bring pictures to the museum on a Tuesday when our volunteers are working; if you let us know when you are coming we would have someone available to scan them and you could take your pictures right back home again. If you live on the west end of Sibley County, you may contact Dorothy Peterson at 507-834-6380 or Rommie & Mary Petersen at 507-834-6295. We plan to also be set up to scan pictures, etc. at the Sibley County Fair in Arlington, July 31<sup>st</sup> thru Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>. Stop in with pictures or memories that you would like to share. You can also gather some old classmates and come in and do an interview about your country school days. You'll be amazed at how much you remember about country schools when you start to talk to others who had those same experiences.



The kids from District 72 in the 1940s and the teacher was Miss Larson. Some families that attended school there; Pettis, Mayer, Young, Peterson. Belle Eckert taught there, and her daughter gave us some memorabilia from those years.

Washington Lake, but we will consider any information you have. We may not be able to print every picture or piece of information we get, but we will do our best to cover all areas of the county as fairly as possible, depending on the information we receive.



This is now the District 72 site looks now



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IOR EXPO in Arlington.

Mary and I were in Denmark in May. They have a different perspective of old. We ate in a 290 year old coffee shop. My grandparents were married in Falling Denmark (it's near Fillerup). The church was built in the 1200s. They have a board naming the pastors for the last 500 year. We spent a lot of time looking around and visiting relatives. I think Shakespeare was wrong, *something was not rotten in Denmark!* Have a great summer. Rejuvenate!!

<http://belleplaineherald.com/main.asp?SectionID=7&SubSectionID=39&ArticleID=2270> There was a good article in the Belle Plaine Paper covering Harriet Traxler. I did not have room, but this is the site.

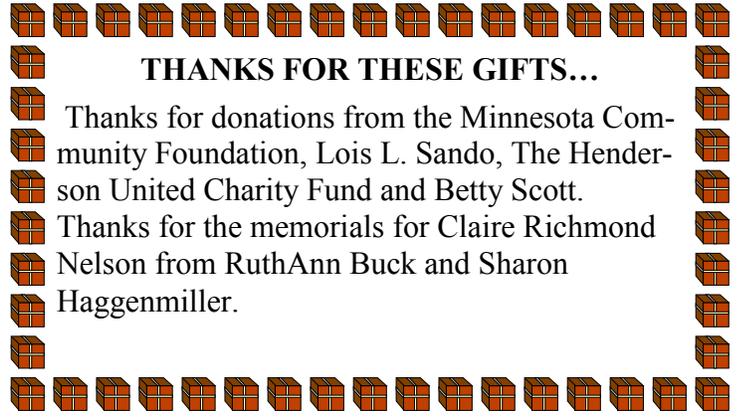
### Sibley County Fair July 31 – August 4

By Dorothy Peterson

Wednesday, July 31 is the day, and Arlington is the place where the Sibley County Fair begins and runs thru August 4. SCHS will be there again in the Cub Scout Building right inside the fair grounds, next to Porky's Ham House. Be sure to stop in and see us. We generally open about 9 a.m. and will close between 7 and 8 p.m., depending on the crowd. If you need a break from other fair activities, and a place to sit and visit, we've got the right place, with air conditioning, if needed, and comfortable chairs.

We will feature Country Schools and hope to have a chance to sit and visit with some county residents that attended rural or parochial schools until the mid-1950's when most of them consolidated and closed. So if you have a group that went to school together and want to visit with us about your experiences, whether they be good or bad, early 1900's or mid 1950's we would love to visit with you. If you have any pictures of your school days, memories of events, or other memorabilia that you would be willing to share, please bring them with you. We will have a scanner at the fair and can scan and return your pictures right away. **We prefer to have original pictures that we scan so that we have the best quality for our book.** If you graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in Sibley County from 1904 thru 1948 there are 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation pictures that were taken and we only have about half of them. Visit our website at [www.sibleycountyhistoricalmuseum.com](http://www.sibleycountyhistoricalmuseum.com) to find a list of those that are still needed on our Country Schools page. If possible we'd like to have both the picture and the programs that came with it. Then stop in and see if you can find yourself or someone you know that was on the picture.  
**SEE YOU AT THE SIBLEY COUNTY FAIR!!**

Oh yes, we will again have some items to be identified, something which many people look forward to doing each year



### THANKS FOR THESE GIFTS...

Thanks for donations from the Minnesota Community Foundation, Lois L. Sando, The Henderson United Charity Fund and Betty Scott.  
Thanks for the memorials for Claire Richmond Nelson from RuthAnn Buck and Sharon Haggemiller.

### Ostrom photograph inventory now online!

By Steve Briggs, W.M.

An inventory of almost 4,000 photos can now be searched - look for your relatives and maybe even yourself! The Ostrom family donated to the historical society thousands of negatives from the Ostrom Studio (1890s - 1960s). The initial phase of the project involves converting the negatives into positives - this phase is still on progress. Our latest phase now provides the inventory online, at our website, for easier searching. Look for the website page titled "**Order an Ostrom Photograph**".

C. J. Ostrom recorded the name of the individual who ordered the original photo shot. Our extensive database, which is still growing, can be searched by the individual's last name. An adobe.pdf file will upload and an alphabetical listing will appear. You can simply print the page(s) of interest, indicate the photo(s) you desire, and mail your request directly to the museum. The cost is \$10 per sheet with one 8x10 or two 5x7s options - other options are being considered. Museum staff will print your request and mail back to you. By the time you read this article, we hope to have **a second searchable inventory by town** ready to go too!

Many photos were ordered by churches, not individuals. Search the same inventory for your church and maybe an old confirmation picture!





**NEW\* AND RENEWED MEMBERS**

Margaret Hoffman	Hutchinson MN	Arlene Busse	Henderson MN
Leon Stadtherr	Winthrop MN	Lynelle G Brant	Cumberland MD
Arlene M Marek	Arlington MN	Gloria Pudewell	Winthrop MN
Ken & Donna A Gleisner	New Ulm MN	Jane E Delger	Ulm Germany
Maureen & Gordon Krumrey	Glencoe MN	Larry & Rita Freederichs	Gaylord MN
Gregory & Debra Zeppelin	LeSueur MN	Leo Berger	Henderson MN
Gloria Sinell	Gaylord MN	Lois Scherer	Elbow Lake MN
Howard & Frances Armstrong	Gaylord MN	Carol & Lowell Pogatchnik	Finlayson MN
Victor Gess	Lafayette CA	Dawn & Justen Blood	Lano Lakes MN
Susan M Peters	Palm Bay FL	Daryl & Marilee Peterson	Winthrop MN
Jacquelyn McCoy	Irvine CA	LaVonne & John Bangsnud	St Cloud MN
Robert & Jo Ann Schwartz	Chanhassen MN	Denise Peterson	Gibbon MN
Betty G Schlotthauer	Arden Hills MN	Steve & Lori Carlson	Brooklyn Park MN
David C Chevalier	Henderson MN	Beverly Woods	Gibbon MN
Edward & Mary Kraska	Naperville IL	Tom & Patricia Mccarthy	Winthrop MN
Joan & Dale Ewald	Hutchinson MN	Ron & Kay Klement	Gibbon MN
Lowell D Hanson	N Oaks MN	Leslie & Diane Pettis	Winthrop MN
Alvin & Diane Rostberg	Henderson MN	Sam H Fudenberg	Roseville MN
Mary Ludowese	Hutchinson MN	Patricia Judd	Waseca MN
Richard & Diane Isakson	Gibbon MN	Don Johnson*	Bloomington MN
Don & Betty Strobel	Henderson MN	Don & Gail Nuessmeier	Arlington MN
Ruben & Eldrene Ebert	Gaylord MN	Otto Templin	Hutchinson MN
Marlys Gaucher	Arlington MN	Roland & Denise Pogatchnik	W St Paul MN
Megan R Undeberg	Duluth MN	Zylpha Mueller	Winthrop MN
Carol & Lowell Pogatchnik	Finlayson MN	Arlene & Edward Pinske	Gaylord MN
Doris Wigand	Henderson MN	Cliff Zieske	Gibbon MN
Church of Latter-day Saints	Salt Lake City UT	P.D. Steckman	Henderson MN
James Huelskamp	De Pere WI	Lois L. Sando*	Aspen CO
Kristine & David Bach*	Henderson MN	Richard & Janet Graupman	Gibbon MN
Gene & Jan Isakson	St Peter MN	Margaret Bina	St Paul Park MN
Sharlene Friederichs	Brooklyn Park MN	Earl & Marjorie Renneke	LeSueur MN
Jean Markham	Bloomington MN	Diane Neubarth	Hutchinson MN
Tiffany M Reinitz	Henderson MN		

**Membership Form**

I would like to become a member of the Sibley County Historical Society.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SCHS TREASURER

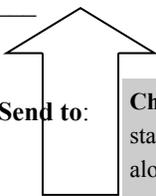
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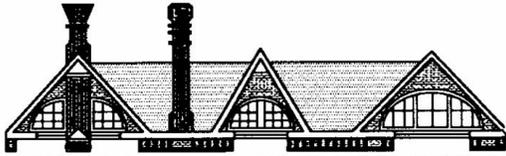
**Check your due date on the mailing label.** Membership dues are as stated on the form. Please use it to renew your subscription or pass it along to anyone who is interested.



Regular meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month, March thru November at the museum in Henderson. The public is invited. The museum is open to the public for tours on Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. June thru October and by appointment.

Send articles, announcements, photos and comments to the SCHS Newsletter, P.O. Box 407, Henderson, MN 56044 or Email: [schs1@frontiernet.net](mailto:schs1@frontiernet.net)





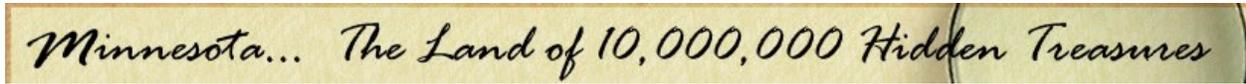
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"Well, maybe not 10,000,000 but that's probably close. Use this website to learn more about them while they prepare their upcoming public TV series (in broadcast partnership with Twin Cities Public Television's statewide Minnesota Channel) highlighting the numerous unusual, interesting, out-of-the way museums and historic places scattered across our beautiful state."

Sibley County Historical Museum has joined Museums of Minnesota (MOM) and we have our own listing. Simply go into the Directory of Museums and search by county. We are, at least for now, the only museum listed in Sibley County. You'll also find nearby county historical societies such as McLeod, Carver, Le Sueur, and Nicollet. But there are attractions other than museums, such as Jeffers Petroglyphs, Northern Minnesota Railroad Heritage Assoc., and the Caponi Art Park. Plan your next Minnesota road trip with the help of this site.

Museum listings generally provide a brief description, the location, hours of operation, admission, and a photograph gallery. You'll also commonly find contact information: address/map, telephone number, email address, and a link to the museum's own website.

"The Museums of Minnesota Web site is a growing collection of information and resources on the museums and places of historical interest in our beautiful state of Minnesota. The primary purpose of this Web site is to act as an information database for our upcoming television series called, (believe it or not) "Museums of Minnesota".

Small museums throughout Minnesota house beautiful jewels, figurative and literal, that are waiting to be seen. Look through their directory of museums and other attractions in Minnesota to find out more about these museums and historical sites. Take a brief, virtual tour of selected museums. And get valuable shopping coupons!

Thank you SCHS member Harriet Traxler for bringing this website to our attention.

Check it out! ...there will be a test!