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SIBLEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY APRIL 19, 2015

SIBLEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Doors open at 11:30 Come see our displays and schmooze

DINNER WILL BE AT 12:30PM

MENU; 2 MEAT BUFFET, TATERS, VEGETABLES, DESSERT, BEVERAGE AND OTHER STUFF

COST; \$15.00

PROGRAM; Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the end of the Civil War and Sibley County residents connection to the conflict.

We will also have a short business meeting to update you on things happening at SCHS, upcoming programs, our website and other goings on.

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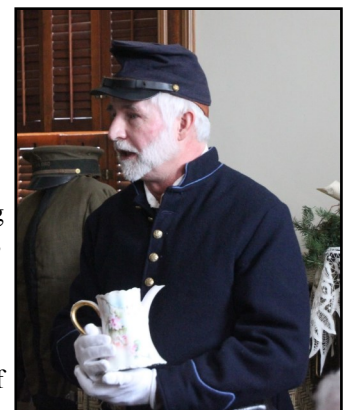
The Prez Sez by Jerome Petersen

Our annual meeting is coming up soon, so we are sending our newsletter out a little later, closer to the date of the meeting. Arlene, Dorothy and Steve are working on the program and PowerPoint presentation, The 150th Anniversary Commemorating the End of The Civil War. You will be surprised at the many families that had members that served. Sharon (Byer) Shimota's great grandparent's farm was on the Gettysburg Battlefield. My great grandfather, Conrad Eckert, was a Union soldier. My wife Mary (Foltz) had a great grandfather and a great, great, grandfather serving in the Union Army; George Foltz and George Foltz Jr. We will have Civil War artifacts on display at our annual meeting.

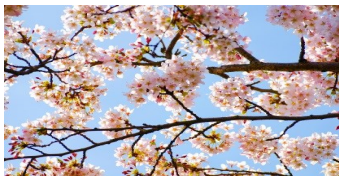
At our February board meeting, we welcomed Steve Briggs as our newest board member. He and his wife, Becky, are long-time members. Steve also serves as Herr

Webmeister. I think he is presidential material. I would campaign for him! Steve will be the MC for our annual meeting program. Becky is in charge of the Ostrom photo project.

Are you sick of hearing about the Country School Book? We have some more to tell you. It was an enormous project, but it did get done, and we have gotten many good comments on it. You can read some of them on line. It was not in our hands by Christmas as we hoped. A few days before Christmas we were invited to Corporate Graphics to see our book being printed. It was delivered to the museum in mid-January. We then started getting the



Steve Briggs



Calendar of Events

Check our website for 2015 programs.

- Annual meeting April 19
- May 26 7PM *Cemeteries Have A Story To Tell*, by James Rogers. At Henderson Library Basement
- June 23 7PM *A Snapshot of 4-H & County Fairs* by Jason Wurst. At Courthouse Basement
- If you have suggestions or comments on upcoming events Contact Judy Loewe 507-248-3345

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many books to those people who had pre-paid. About seventy percent are gone. I am afraid we will run out. I am also afraid we will have too many left. Steve Palmer interviewed our staff, and had a nice article in *Senior Perspective*. That publication covers a large area of Minnesota, and resulted in many sales. Mary and I went along with Dorothy when she gave a book presentation at McLeod County Historical Society and Orchard Hill Living Center in New Ulm.

Other happenings; Arlene and her team, Eldrene et al, are getting the displays set up for the 2015 museum theme; Sibley County 4-H. Our scrap book collection from Millie Grewe Jannicke, covering an 80 year span, will be available for perusing on a table in the Music Room. We have some additional space in the basement for storage. The Winthrop Historical Society picked up some display cases that were stored in our basement. They will use them in their new facilities in Winthrop. They left the dirt and dead mice, but we were glad to get them moved out. It is cleaned up and ready to store other junk.

We had an *Off The Porch Party* for our regular volunteers, the first in almost a year. We celebrated two birthdays, Bert Karels was 90 and Sharon Shimota was not. After lunch, Bert gave an impromptu account of his military WWII service as a crew member of a B-24 bomber. After 35 bombing missions over Germany, he went back home. He was then 20. In just one more year he would be old enough to vote! Bert showed us the silk map that each crew member carried. It was printed on both sides, about two feet square, when folded, about the size of a pack of cigarettes. If they were shot down, they would use the map to guide them back to Allied Territory. We salute Bert, part of The Greatest Generation!

Roseann Nagel represented SCHS at a recent meeting in Winthrop. They were



Randy Kroenke, on the left of Corporate Graphics, led our tour of the facilities Rommie, Rich, Dorothy, Ruth Ann, Arlene, Sharon, Eldrene, Judy, Roseann and Ruben

proposing to *spur the adoption of innovation throughout the community; and address digital inclusion*. Translation; If you were in Henderson, you would type the town name on your Smartphone or tablet, and the interesting places, Cafes and events would appear. A digital upgrade from a silk map.

Steve Briggs starting the process of digitizing plat books and other paper items. The work is done at the UofM or MNHS. They say these wheels turn slowly. Believe that.

Are you thinking spring? Let's!
Rommie



Bert



Dorothy



Dorothy played to a full house at Orchard Hill Living Center in New Ulm recently

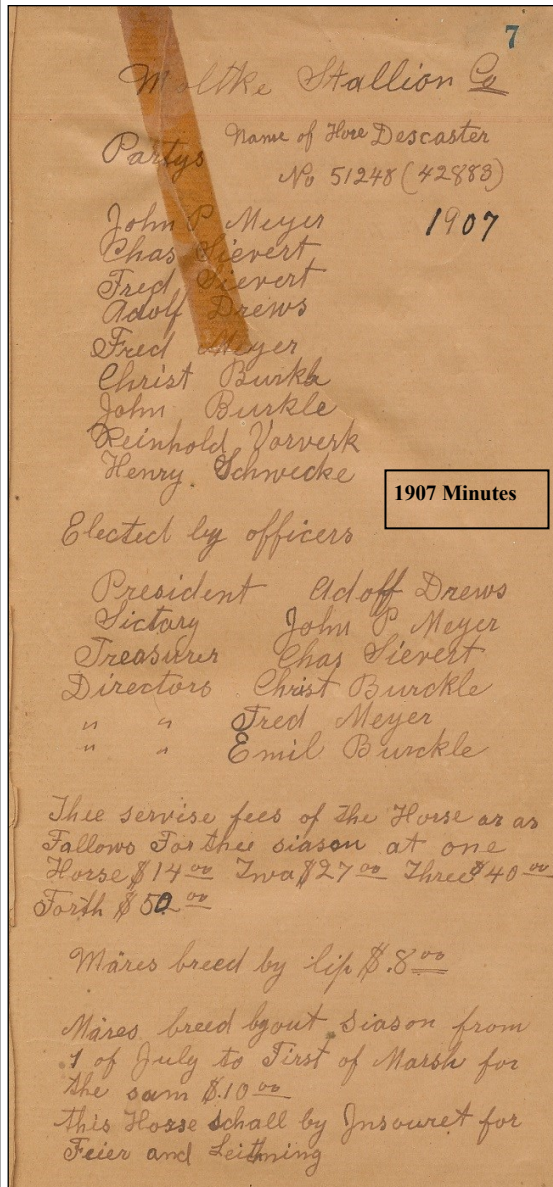
THE MOLTKE STALLION HORSE COMPANY

By Rommie Petersen

Jon Forst stopped me in Gibbon recently and told me about a breeding horse company that was formed in the early 1900s. He told me to visit with Elton Vorwerk who lives with his wife, Marvel, at Countryview Estates in Fairfax. He could give me more information. I should note that Elton is a young 97. He let me take the 110 year old ledger home to get some more names and facts. The company began with the premise of obtaining quality stud horses from out of state to avoid inbreeding. I was told a horse came by train from Ohio. The group had a board of directors, president, secretary and treasurer. Regular meetings were held, and fees and expenses were determined. Breeding fees varied by year. In 1907 the charges were; one mare, \$14, two, \$27, three, \$40 and four, \$50. Charles Sievert was paid \$300 for "handling and tending" the horse. The group was pretty much all German guys, so the minutes and records are sprinkled with some German words and mixes. But all the handwriting is legible. The horses were "insouret for Feier and Leithning". One list of expenses included; "Blacksmith, \$6.45, Book \$.35, Bord \$.70, Blanket \$3.75 and Beer \$2.25." That would have bought a LOT of beer in 1909. I think we will include beer in SCHS meeting expenses! Most of the farmer's names in the ledger are still found in Moltke; Vorwerk, Buerkle, Meyer, Black, Forst, Briese, Meyer, Wendt, Schwecke, Kramer, Ruschmeyer, Bentz et al. There were 11 shareholders, but any farmer could pay for stud service. I found my grandfather's name in the user list. In 1918, \$18.35 per share was paid out of the profits.



Elton



Think about this. It's time when you need the stud to visit for horsing around. Let's say you live 5 miles away. You can't email Mr. Sievert, Al Gore hasn't invented the Internet yet. Can't call, no telephones. Aha! Run over with the pickup. But there are no motorized vehicles yet either. The horse has to come to your farm. No curb service. (Is that a pun?) You have to ride a horse over to the Sievert farm, and he has to arrange for the stud to visit your farm so the two horses do what two amorous horses do. Farmer #2 was responsible for delivery. I don't know much about horses, but this all does seem complicated. And they did get it to work, because many farmers' names are in the ledger. This is a business I was not aware of.

In spite of his age, Elton Vorwerk is sharp as a tack. He rattles off names and events over the last 90 years like they happened yesterday. Habeberg Furniture. Olson Block. Hammer Ford, New Deal Café, Mueffleman and Olson Bar. He and his wife each have their own computer. He has a hi-tech gizmo that plays the TV and telephone into his hearing aids. He is a happy guy, fun and interesting to spend time with. And I am a lucky guy to be able to do that!

Mairs in 1906

A partial list of 1906 stud services

J Bueckle	2 M.	28
Ch Bueckle	1	14
Em "	1	14
F. Sievert	2	28
F. Grunberger	3	40
Wm Bueckle	2	28
J. Bueckle	3	40
J. Draews	1	14
J. Meyer	1	10
Wm Bueckle	1	14
J. Diebe	1	14
J. Ruschmeyer	3	34
J. Carst	1	14
H. Lemmer	1	14
P. Forst	2	28
H. Bueckle	2	28
J. Kramer	1	14
J. V. Bueckle	1	14
J. H. Meyer	2	28
Ch. Sievert	2	28
J. Lentz	2	28
J. H. Meyer	2	28
J. H. Meyer	1	14
H. Bueckle	1	14
H. Bueckle	3	40
Ch. Carst	1	14
Ch. Groszglas	1	14
J. Jahnke	1	14
H. Ruschmeyer	1	14
H. Grunberger	1	14
J. Grene	1	14
P. Jahnke	1	14
Wm. Hermann	1	10
H. Bueckle	2	28



SCHS Website Four-Year Anniversary

By Steve Briggs, SCHS Board Member and Webmaster

<http://sibleycountyhistoricalmuseum.com/>

Our site turned four years old this past November. During 2012, the site was building up interest and adding many new features – we were seeing over 300 visitors per month. In 2013 we saw nearly 500 visitors per month. This past year we average nearly 600 visitors per month! That's 20 visitors per day, 7 days a week, sun or rain or snow! And they arrive from all over the world: Turkey, Israel, Great Britain, France, Netherlands, China, Finland, Ukraine, Philippines, & elsewhere.

all your SCHS needs. Like Newsletter Distribution – Rich Nagel or Events – Loewe or Tour Guides/Appts. – Sharon Haggemiller & Marie Main. Check the **Home** page for other contacts and general museum information.

Do you ever find yourself looking for an old SCHS Newsletter? Our site now has five years of Newsletters, 2009-2013, available for your downloading pleasure. Just visit our **Newsletters and The Prez Sez** page.

Have you ordered your Country School Book yet? Our **Order a Book** page will instruct you how to place an order. Plus you can view various sections of the book (Table of Contents, Index and others) before you even place your order.



You know them all already, but our Board Members met recently for a "Kodak Moment" and the photo is posted on our **Home** page.

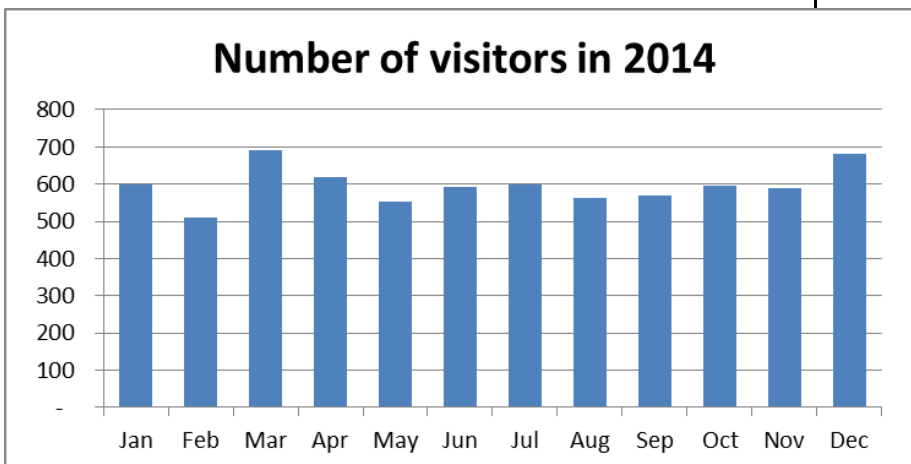
Also on our **Home** page is a link "To Like" us on Facebook. You can also find recent Board member changes and contacts for

Be sure to visit our **2015 Events** page. We have just begun to add event dates and descriptions, but they are still being organized and scheduled, so be sure to re-visit.

We added a new page this past year: **Gaylord Photographers, 1960-1990s**. We are pleased to offer a selection of photos for sale from 1960 - 1995 from Duane Thiele, Jack Schuster, & William Wetmore.

Order an Ostrom Photograph. We are happy to have added lists of over 4,000 photographs from our collection for sale. You can search photos by name (individual or family), your home town, or even your church. Simply print the page(s) that contain the photo(s) you desire and mail them to our museum staff. Readers of local newspapers continue to enjoy identifying

people from old Ostrom photos. And we continue to love posting credit to those who provide us identifications. Keep your cards and letters coming!



2014	Month	Website Visitors
	January	599
	February	510
	March	692
	April	618
	May	552
	June	591
	July	599
	August	563
	September	571
	October	595
	November	589
	December	682
	Total	7,161



SCHS ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

**FOR RESERVATIONS TO OUR ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY APRIL 19TH;
YOUR CHECK RESERVES YOU A SPECIAL SEAT. THE CHARGE IS \$15 PER PERSON.
MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO SIBLEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, JUST SCHS
WORKS TOO, AND MAIL IT BY APRIL 12TH TO;**

Jerome Petersen

PO Box 25

Gibbon MN 55335



Ask us some questions. Make some suggestions. Register a few complaints. Give us some ideas for the newsletter. Make a recommendation for a program you'd like to see. Is the annex OK with you for our annual meeting? Volunteer!



Curators Corner By Sharon Haggemiller

Another hat that I wear here at SCHS is to arrange tours for anyone who wants to visit our Museum. This includes church groups, social groups and school tours.

In recent months, our dedicated guides have related Sibley County history to students, teachers and chaperones from the LeSueur Henderson Park Elementary, LeSueur and Hilltop Elementary, Henderson. December 5th we greeted 75 third graders from Park Elementary. They have been visiting us for the last 6 years, around Christmas time. Sometimes we are decorated for a holiday party and talk about the unique items we have on display and traditions. Other times the subject tends to refer to Pioneer Days; artifacts that would have been used by previous generations, in their homes or businesses. February 19th and 20th brought 200 fourth and fifth graders from Hilltop Elementary. They were studying about the Oregon Trail and came to the Museum for more information. We have not one thing at the Museum connected to the Oregon Trail. However, we do have artifacts as an example of things that may have been carried by the Pioneers who traveled the Oregon Trail.

As you see by the numbers, these are quite large groups and SCHS cannot handle the large amount of people, in our building, at one time. We are fortunate that we can time share with the Joseph R. Brown Center, just down the street. We start about 8:45 in the morning. Upon arriving, the large groups first get divided in half with half starting at the Museum and half at the J.R. Brown Center. Each half is then divided into 4 smaller groups, which allows movement especially in the Museum building. A group will start in each of the areas; kitchen, upstairs, basement, and parlor. A guide, stationed in each area, will tell about the artifacts displayed in that area. After about 15 minutes each smaller group moves to the next guiding area where guides will repeat the information to the new group etc. until each small group has visited each of the 4 areas. A switch of half groups is made after the first hour. Then our guiding routine starts over again. So actually our guides relate the same message 8 times. The children leave about

11:30 a.m. and are back in school in time for lunch. It sometimes can be a grueling task but also rewarding in knowing that our guides have passed along a short lesson of Sibley County history.

December guides were: Ruth Ann Buck, -kitchen, *Lowell Nagel-upstairs, *Dwight Grabitske, -basement and Sharon Haggemiller, parlor. February guides were Ruth Ann Buck-kitchen, Al Rostberg-basement, Diane Rostberg-upstairs, and Sharon Haggemiller-parlor. We also need someone to keep track of the time allowed for each area and JoAnn Heinz was in charge of ringing a school bell to signal a group change during both tours. All of us are volunteers. *Lowell and Dwight were kind enough to fill in when the prearranged guides became ill. They were also very involved with the Arli Dazzle events in Arlington the same day and took the time to come down to Henderson to help out. That is why I say our guides are very dedicated. I am so thankful to have them aboard our mission to promote history.

A few interesting statistics about the Oregon Trail to compare with today's travel: The road west began as a series of trails used by Native Americans and fur traders. The first emigrant traffic came in 1843 when a wagon train of about 1000 people left Independence, Missouri for Oregon and California. There were many more travelers along the trail until about 1860 when the railroad offered new ways to reach the west. Typically the starting date would be around April 15 and arrive at their destination by mid September; about 120 days, 2000 miles, at an average 15 miles per day. If you can imagine that; then think about this: historians have estimated between 200,000 and 500,000 people crossed the overland trail and 20,000 to 30,000 deaths occurred along the trail, averaging 10 or more graves per mile. WOW! Just imagine the hardships these pioneers sustained because they were eager for a better way of life.



Recently Sharon Shimota brought a book she had just completed. It is Richard Shimota's military experiences in WWII and follows him, from being drafted, training, military experiences, including the Battle of the Bulge, and post war up until his honorable discharge. It is such a well done book I asked her to share with us how she managed to gather all this information together.

THE MAKING OF THE RICHARD SHIMOTA ARMY BOOK

By Sharon (Byer) Shimota

Richard W. Shimota was born & raised in Sibley County. In November 1942, he was living and working in South St. Paul and registered for the draft in Dakota County. He was inducted into the Army in May 1943 at Ft. Snelling at the age of 19. Two weeks

later he boarded a troop train to Ft. Bliss in Texas where he would join the 784th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (AAA AW BN). After a year full of drills and maneuvers at Ft. Bliss, at Santa Maria Army Base and at Camp Haan, both in California, he found himself on a US Navy transport ship sailing to Europe. The 784th crossed the English Channel and landed on the Utah Beach in France in July 1944, about one month after the Normandy Invasion and thus began his tour of duty overseas to

provide protection for airfields, highway and railway bridges, ammunition and gasoline dumps, and harbors. During the Battle of the Bulge, the 784th was spread out in Liege, Belgium, protecting the bridges and airfields. Victory in Europe happened on May 8, 1945. Sgt. Shimota arrived back in the U.S. on December 11, 1945 and honorably discharged from the Army on December 15, 1945.

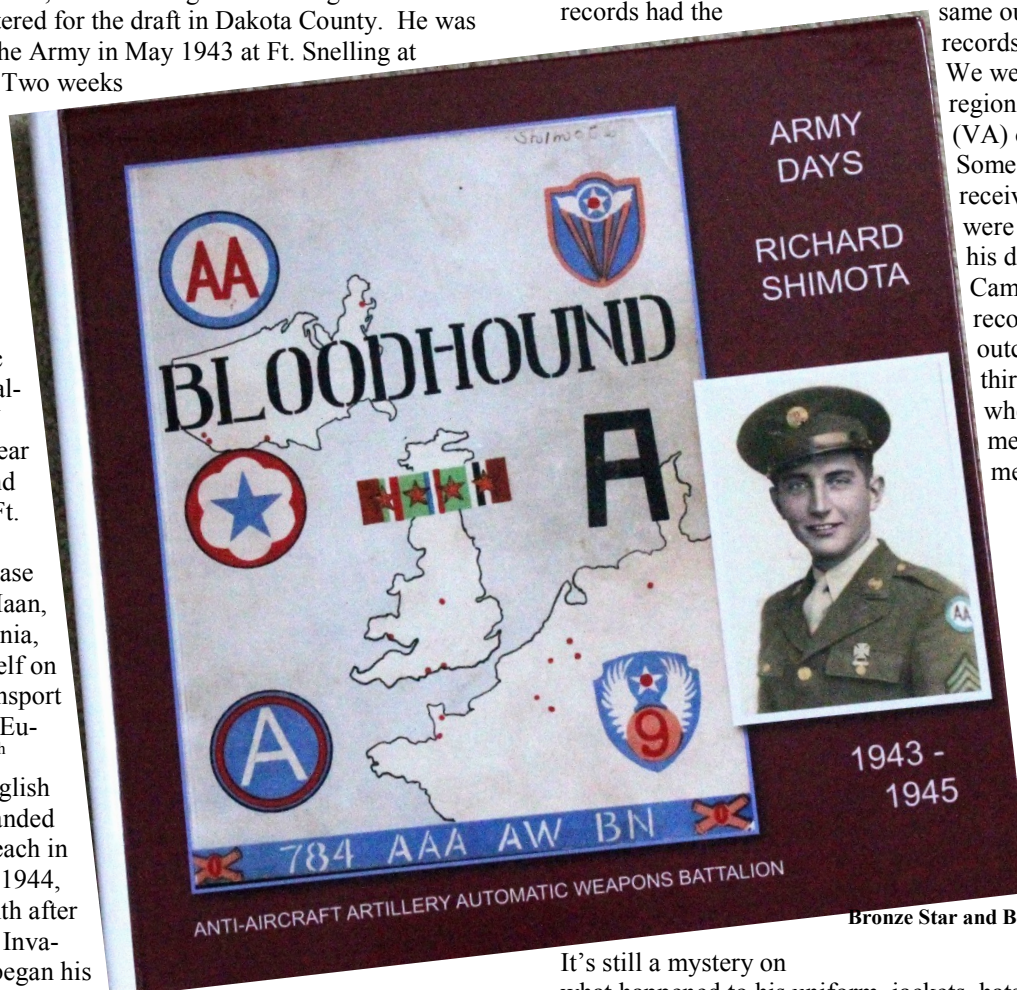
Richard was 36 years old in 1960 and a young farmer in Washington Lake Twp. in Sibley County when he was killed in a farm accident. He was survived by his wife, Patricia (McDonald), and four children: Jean 10, Mary 8, Chuck 7, and Terri 8 days old.

My husband, Chuck, has very few memories of his father and grew up knowing very little about his Dad's Army service. Luckily Chuck's mom still had Richard's Honorable Discharge certificate, the Army Separation form WD AGO, and the 784th

Battalion booklet. This booklet would prove to be the most valuable tool in my research of Richard's Army days.

Our first request to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in 2003 asking for Richard's military personnel records was disappointing. His records were destroyed in the 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. Our second request to the NARA asking for his medical records had the

same outcome as the first-records lost in the 1973 fire. We were told to contact the regional Veterans Affairs (VA) office which I did. Some of the papers that we received from the VA office were his induction physical, his discharge physical at Camp McCoy, and dental records. We had a better outcome in 2006 on the third request to the NARA when requesting replacement of Richard's service medals that were lost.



Bronze Star and Belgian Fourragere

It's still a mystery on what happened to his uniform, jackets, hats, and medals. We had to submit a copy of Richard's Report of Separation (WDAGO Form 53-55) which listed his citations, among them, a Bronze Star. About a month later, we received the 6 medals that he would have earned or been awarded. Also included with the medals was the red-braided Belgian Fourragere given to the 784th from the Belgian government.



It was in 2006 when I first really tried reaching out to find any veterans of the 784th that might have known Richard. In the back of the Army battalion booklet was an "autograph" section where I found names and addresses. On the computer, I first entered the names of the men in Section 6 which was commanded by Sgt. Shimota. I was able to find Tec 5 Robert Back of Ohio still living, but sadly the rest of the crew was deceased.



With many of the other phone calls that I made, I usually ended up talking to the widows of the veterans. I would be very surprised with my phone call to find Tec 4 Russell Bartlome of Ohio. Although Russell had died in 1994, his wife Goldie recognized the Shimota name. She even had pictures of Richard while in the Army and also of their visit to Green Isle to visit Richard in 1949. These were pictures that we had never seen before. Had I not made the attempt to find some of these men of the 784th, I would not have all this great stuff for my book! What a treasure Goldie is and we still keep in contact with phone calls and cards.

To honor the memory of an honorably discharged deceased veteran, the family can receive a Presidential Memorial Certificate which is signed by the current President. The VA Form 40-0247 can be mailed or faxed, along with the Discharge papers. The certificate that we have for Richard was received in 1964 and is signed by President Lyndon Johnson. Another thing we did to honor Richard's memory was to enter his name into the World War II Registry of Remembrances at the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. For an additional charge, we added a photo to his page in the Registry. (www.wwiimemorial.com)

After making phone calls and collecting information since 2006, I thought it was time to pull it altogether. I decided to use the photo book software application of *Picaboo*. It's a 12x12 book with almost 50 pages of Army papers, newspaper articles, pictures, and letters from people I contacted. I bought one of their \$35 vouchers for a \$100 value book. It took me a couple of months to complete it, working on it mostly nights & weekends. I completed the book in October 2014...Seventy years ago in 1944 Richard would have been fighting in the European Theater.

We are very proud of Richard and his service to this country and I enjoyed making this keepsake for our Shimota family.



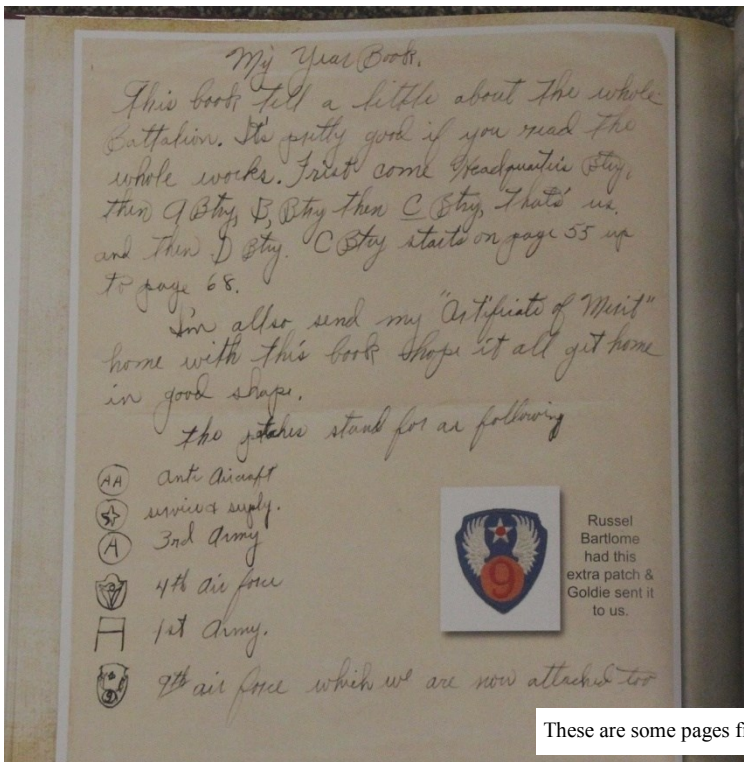
Autographs of Army buddies & friends along with their addresses in the back of the Army book. This is what I used to look up names on the internet trying to find someone who would remember the 784th and Dick.

Autographs

NAME	ADDRESS
Wesley Walker	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.
Paul Adams	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.
Edson E. Brown	209 1/2 1st St. S.W.
John D. Mason	3440 4th Ave. S.W. Hyattsville
Richard J. May	Lansing, Iowa
Richard J. Brown	Washington, D.C.
R. D. Wheeler	Wesley, Ohio
Earl T. Madagan	Lynch, Nebraska
Ray J. Stutz	9 1/2 1st St. S.W.
Wesley E. Stutz	1173 S. 1st St. S.W. Hyattsville
David A. Kadal	11605 Wood Park Ave. Box 606
Russell J. Bartlome	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.
Alvin Henderson	Bearfield, So. Dak.
Charles P. Woodward	3175 Woodland Terrace S.W.
Charles W. Whitehorn	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.
W. J. Johnson	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.
Wesley E. Stutz	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.
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Lewis S. Vicks	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.
James A. Smith	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.
Wesley E. Stutz	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.
Robert K. Strong	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.

Autographs

NAME	ADDRESS
Charles W. Longman	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.
Paul Adams	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.
James A. Smith	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.
Donald P. Smith	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.
Wesley E. Stutz	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.
Charles W. Whitehorn	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.
Bob Johnson	1000 1/2 1st St. S.W.



These are some pages from my book.



That Kind Old Sibley County Sheriff

Undoubtedly there are countless stories about a certain Sibley County Sheriff of many years ago that have gone unrecorded, and perhaps all for the better no matter how well intended were his actions. By all accounts he was a gentleman who enforced the law, perhaps not fully, but in a compassionate manner. I was too young to remember his visit to our farm in the early 30's, but my father told of it so many times it has been firmly locked in my memory bank. I'll first back up to stories about him in the 20's, a little before my time, but I know the facts are correct. Names have been omitted to protect the guilty, but the people are real.

The "Do-Gooders" got their way in 1920 with passage of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which prohibited the sale, production, importation and transportation of alcoholic beverages. How smart was that? It was smart in that human consumption of alcohol was reduced by about 50% during the 1920's and early 1930's. However, crime relating to those factors just mentioned, and a factor best left unexplained, rose immensely with actions by people like the Al Capone gang and many others. Law enforcement nationwide was handed a very difficult task, and like today went greatly under appreciated. Prohibition was eventually repealed in December 1933, thereby ending the "dry years" that really weren't all that dry!

In Township "G" - (Take your pick there are two Sibley County Townships that start with "G".) - Farmer "A" was known to have a still. There may have been others, but the land of Farmer "A" adjoined our farm bringing the story close to home. I doubt it was a high production operation, he probably only distilled a few screw top "Ball" pint and quart size fruit jars full at a time. Some will remember those jars were kind of a blue in color. I also doubt that booze buyers came to Farmer "A" to make a purchase, but more likely bought a quart out of the trunk of his car at a barn dance for about the price of a can of soda today. Farmer "B" lived southwest of our place, and was the local, and only, musician at barn dances. He had a fiddle, and my mother said; "sometimes you could even recognize the tune he was playing." It didn't matter, because after a few swigs of Farmer "A" moonshine people probably could dance to the sound of hail hitting the roof of the barn. From the stories my parents told of those great neighborly gatherings there was never a mention of the Sheriff showing up to see what might be in car trunks. There is no doubt he knew what was going on in the county, but took seriously only those matters of greater consequence and accounts are he did it well.

I vividly remember stories told by the son of Farmer "A" who worked for my dad. His wages were "Room & Board," and perhaps a new pair of overalls when needed. He told of visits the sheriff made to his dad's place, and how they'd sit under an apple tree on a hillside south of the house and talk

THANKS

Our thanks go out to; **Marian Anderson, Minnesota Community Fund, Paula Nelson, and Henderson Township Charities Fund** for their recent donations.

We are always appreciative of any gifts we receive, both monetary and donations to our museum collection.

Thanks to the 200+ people who bought our book months before its publication. We needed many thousands of dollars to cover the cost of printing.

for hours while taking an occasional sip from one of those blue "Ball" fruit jars – probably containing apple cider! He remembered the sheriff once saying to his dad; "You better hide it, I heard the Feds are heading out this way to snoop around." You probably can guess what he meant by - "it."

A task the sheriff undoubtedly disliked most in those early 30's was delivering mortgage foreclosure notices to farmers, which he had to do at our place. Although I most likely was present, once again I rely on the story so often told by my dad. It came as quite a surprise when the sheriff drove up one day, and never having had any dealing with him my dad was concerned it was about the "elixir operation" of neighboring Farmer "A." After a cup of coffee and some visiting, (the sheriff was good at visiting), he showed dad a sign that said; "Mortgage Foreclosed, etc." That probably didn't come as much of a surprise to my dad since there hadn't been any money for a long time, and I won't bother with the numerous hardships they endured. The sheriff said to dad; "I've got to nail this sign to a tree down by the road, but soon as I'm gone I want you to take it down because it won't look good when the neighbors drive by." How's that for law enforcement? My dad then asked him; "When do we

have to get off the place?" The reply from the sheriff was something like; "I don't know I just have to put up these damn signs!" That was followed by the sheriff saying; "I want you to go over to the Federal Land Bank in Redwood Falls and tell them you want to buy the farm." (The farm was still in my grandfather's name – you know you can't trust those kids with something that big until they get a little older.) My dad then said to the sheriff; "But I don't have any money!" The sheriff replied; "They might as well sell it to you, nobody else has any money," and they did with no money down. The moral of this story is: God bless our law enforcement officers, and especially that kind old Sibley County Sheriff.

An Anonymous SCHS Member





NEW* AND RENEWED MEMBERS since our last newsletter

Eileen Brandt*	Henderson MN	Neil Dacey*	Green Isle MN
Jeff & Amy Franke	Gaylord MN	Joe Luskey*	Green Isle MN
Dorothy Peterson	Gibbon MN	Arthur & Barbara Straub	Le Sueur MN
Daryl & Marilee Peterson	Gibbon MN	Beverly Woods	Gibbon MN
Darren & Erin Peterson	Lino Lakes MN	Jim & Joyce Evenson	Gibbon MN
Stephen G Olson	Cologne MN	City of Gaylord*	Gaylord MN
Barbara Gustafson	Savage MN	Jody & Matt Boisen	Owatonna MN
Dayle & Harriet Troidahl	Gaylord MN	Lowell Hanson	Olympia WA
Joy Cohrs	Glencoe MN	Eric Hanson	Chesapeake VA
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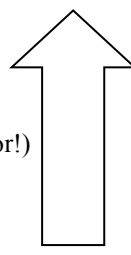
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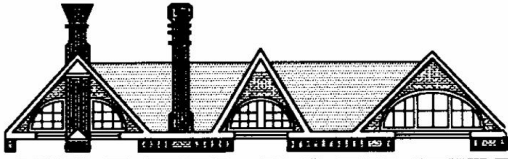
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Daylight Saving Time

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Did you know??

Ben Franklin proposed Daylight Saving Time in a satirical essay.

Losing one hour of sleep by switching to Day Light Saving Time has been linked to increased risk of heart attacks according to a 2014 study of a Michigan Hospital. Hospital admission increased by 25 percent on Monday following the spring change. The risk fell 21 percent in the fall when clocks are set back 1 hour.

Why do we change the time at 2:00 a.m.? 2 a.m. is considered to be the least disruptive time of the day; it allows the changing the clock without changing the date to yesterday.

Do Bars stay open later? In California for instance, the Energy Commission notes bars are technically to close at 1:59. Others specify they close 2 hours after midnight. In Minnesota most bars have last call at 1 p.m. and close by 2 p.m.

Daylight saving time creates the ability for the same thing to happen twice at the same time. An example: A man in Ohio was arrested at 1:08 p.m. for driving the wrong way on a one way street and after his release and the clock was turned back at 2p.m. he was

arrested again at 1:08 p.m. for nearly backing his car into a police cruiser.

The U.S. implemented Daylight Saving Time during WWI. The goal was to minimize coal consumption. President Woodrow Wilson wanted to keep the change permanently but Congress repealed his plan, even overriding a presidential veto.

The Chaos of Clocks! Since WWII – 1966 states and other governments could arbitrarily start and end Daylight Saving Time. At one point it was possible to travel through 7 time changes on a short train ride from Ohio to West Virginia.

Many people say Daylight Savings Time when it is actually Daylight Saving Time!

Only 48 states observe Daylight Saving Time. Arizona and Hawaii stay with standard time year round. The Navaho Nation in Arizona observes Daylight Saving time.

Even when clocks reset automatically, the time change has made people early or late.

These interesting facts were found on MNC website.

