

12th Annual Tour Sponsored by Historical Society



Two of three log structures on the Paulson Farm. Cabin built in 1878, shed-barn in 1879 and granary in 1880. In the cabin are many family mementos--immigrant trucks, naturalization, homestead, marriage and death certificates and household items.

By-Gone Days

Another By-Gone Days celebration at Heritage Village, was scheduled September 8 from 1:00 to 5:00. The theme chosen for festivities this year was LET THE OLD TIMES ROLL!

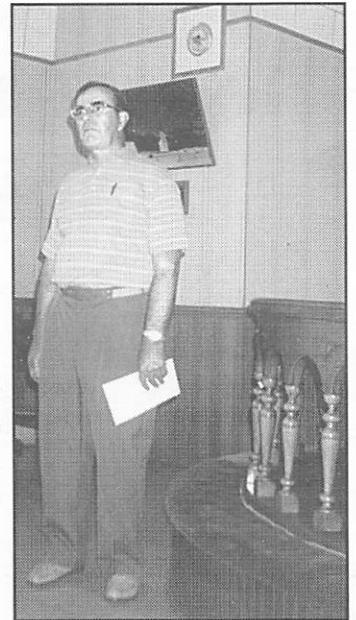
That was exactly what the planning committee worked toward. An outdoor program at 2:00 centered around the flag pole featured patriotic music, Edinburg Junior American Legion color guards, and flag raising. The Grafton Fun Tones, a local orchestra, played and Terry Henriksen, Steve Ekman, Joyce Lutovsky, and Karen Anderson sang. A comedian, Wayne Trotter, from Northwood, told his humorous Ole, the Norwegian Farmer jokes. The Grafton Kitchen Band was on hand. A history/actor, Norv Elbert, portrayed Mr. Thomas E. Cooper, who is credited with founding and naming Grafton.

Interesting activities took place in the various buildings. Hymns were sung at the church, miniature horse and triplet calves were in the barn, after school treats of milk and ginger cookies were served at the farm house. There were rides on the merry-go-round and in a horse drawn carriage. Carnival type games were set up for the younger crowd.

Free tables were provided for those who wished to set up a flea market, craft or garden produce sale.

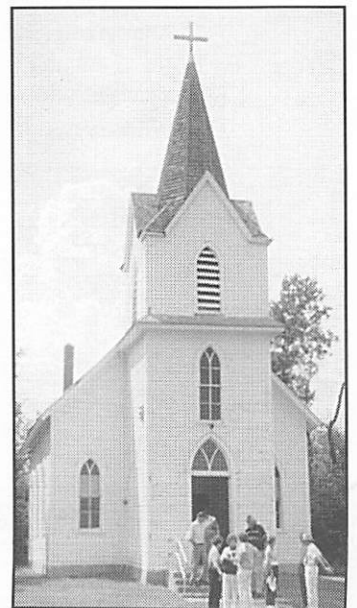
Sarsparilla was served by pretty saloon girls. Food and fun are all promised for a great day. Admission at the gate was \$3.00, children under 12 free.

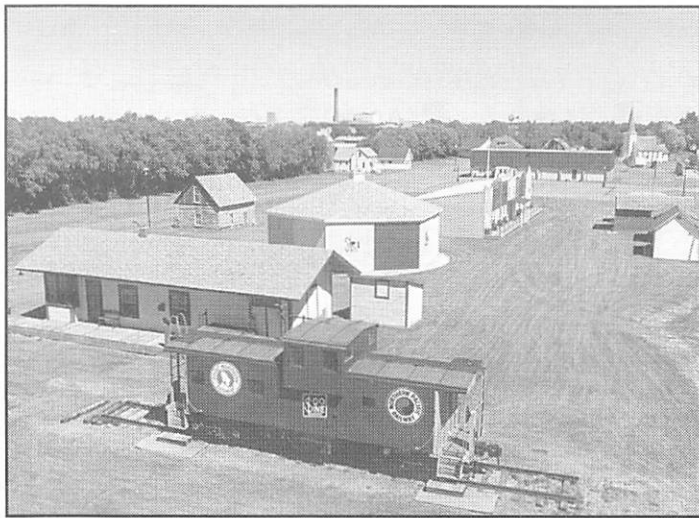
On Sunday, July 14th, eighty-six historically minded individuals enjoyed a tour of northeastern Walsh County. At 2 p.m. the group began at the farm of John, Cora and Lorraine Paulson south of Hoople where they viewed three log structures and a family grave site since 1882. The group continued to North Trinity Church west of Nash and drove by the site of Sweden. At Nash, Rae DeSautel gave the history of the village of Nash and the Nash Bros. (Nash-Finch Company). The final stop was at Sig Jagielski's Jugville where a catered lunch was served. Fun Tones provided music from the bandstand. A short business meeting was held and guests enjoyed viewing Uncle Sig's main street, museum buildings and grounds. In charge of the tour arrangements were Charles and Ora Stewart and John Paulson.



Duane Johnson, rural Nash, gave the history of his ancestor's country church as well as the trading site and post office of Sweden located northeast of the North Trinity Church.

North Trinity Church was organized in 1879 and constructed in 1883. An annual service is held each June. On Christmas Eve the bells are tolled. Former members are called long distance so that they may hear the bells





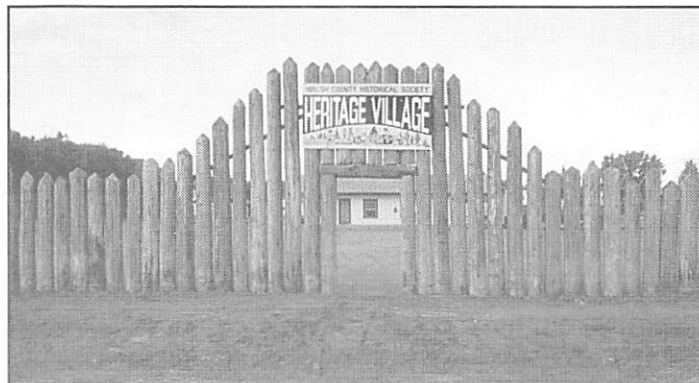
Aerial picture of Heritage Village.

Heritage Village Happenings

- Black topping of road and parking lot.
- Stockade from Alexander Henry Rest Area on Interstate #29 erected near the village entrance to display Heritage Village sign.
- Remodeled caretaker's house.
- Purchased John Deere utility tractor with mower.
- Sinkler School Dist. #24 bell placed in a replica bell tower, ground level, east of the theater building.
- Working on military display in depot, grocery store and barber shop on main street (need mirrors and barber shop bottles for tonics).
- Drug store, doctor's office, saloon and law office completed on main street.
- Many special events, meetings, programs, reunions and even a wedding were held in Landstad Church at the village.

Village Board Members

Chairperson - Ralph Adamsen
 Vice Chairperson - James Gaustad
 Treasurer - Dianne Paulson
 Secretary - Mary Rose Rodriguez
 Village Manager - C.W. Jacobson



Logs from Alexander Henry Rest Area stockade become part of village entrance in 1996.

Walsh County becomes Capital for a day

Walsh County became Capital for a Day in September of 1996. Governor Schafer and other members of the N.D. Government came to Grafton and set up the Government in Grafton. Several members of N.D. Government came to Minto and toured the Museum and the Grounds. City Mayor Armond Narloch greeted Jody Braaten, Deputy Tourism Director, Dean Hildebrand, Director of the N.D. Game and Fish Department, and Doug Prchal, Director of the N.D. Department of Parks and Recreation. Chris Misialek, a Director at the Museum, presented them engraved mugs to remember the event. Gloria Koltes and Evelyn Killihowski gave them a guided tour of the Museum and Grounds. All involved enjoyed the Capital Day.

~ Centenarians ~

Mary Watson, Park River, 101, May 21, 1996, resident at Good Samaritan Home, Park River.

Mabel Grinter, Pisek, 101, Jan. 30, 1996, resident at Good Samaritan Home, Park River.

Laura Nelson, Grafton, 104, May 2, 1996, Sunset Home, Grafton.

Julia Gryde Lundgren, 105, August 15, 1996, formerly from Hoople & Grafton and now Orlando, Florida.

Following centenarians died in 1996:

Nora Rinde, 103, Hoople

Mary Finley, 105, Fordville



Governor Ed Schafer and First Lady Nancy are pictured with Laura Nelson, age 104 from Grafton. Laura and several other Sunset Home residents welcomed the Governor and his party as they arrived at the Grafton Airport when Grafton was "Capitol for a Day" in September.

Walsh Heritage Books

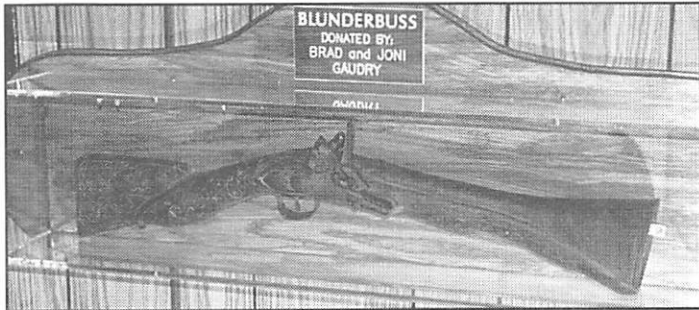
Volumes 3 and 4 of the Walsh Heritage books are still available for \$2.00. They can be picked up at Heritage Village in Grafton; First United Bank, Park River and Pete Matejcek, Lankin. (Volumes 1 and 2 are sold out)

Students enjoy Minto Museum

The Walsh County Museum in Minto, enjoyed a banner year for student visitors. Thirteen communities from around the area as far as Langdon and as close as Minto brought 700 students to tour the Museum and the surrounding grounds.

Ted Holberg, who does much of the taxidermy for the Museum, composed a 100 question quiz to be used as a tool to help the students find points of interest and get involved in the exhibits. That tool was used and enjoyed by many of the student visitors. The students, chaperones, and the guides enjoyed the tours.

Walsh County Museum adds displays



Brad and Joan Gaudry, owners of Minto Flying Service, have purchased and donated a Blunderbuss Gun dating from the late 1600's. This is the type of gun that the pilgrims used when first inhabiting the Americas. A Blunderbuss is a scatter-gun. Nails, rocks, etc., were used as ammunition.



A double-barrel black powder shotgun used during the Civil War is on display now in the Walsh County Museum. On loan from Henning and Alice Shelquist, it originally belonged to Norman J. Pearce, Mrs. Shelquist's grandfather.



A bicycle on loan from Henning and Alice Shelquist is on display by the Ice Cream Parlor at The Walsh County Museum. The bicycle was owned by Mrs. Shelquist's father Robert Wilson in 1903. This Bicycle features wooden wheels and a carbide light.

Walsh County Museum makes repairs

The Walsh County Museum in Minto got some sprucing up over the summer. The eaves troughs were painted, repaired, and cleaned out on the main Museum building.

The school house also received a facelift. A new coat of paint and a new roof will ensure our heritage will be preserved for the coming years for all to enjoy.

— MUSEUM BOARD —

Chairperson - June Selseth, Vice Chairperson - Les Jallo, Curator - Frank Schiller, Treasurer - Ted Barta, Secretary - Marlene Swenson.

Site of Mandt marked

A plaque was placed on a boulder at the former site of the village of Mandt, located nine miles west of Grafton. Harvey Tallackson was in charge of this project and the Walsh County Historical Society donated \$250.00 to help defray partial cost. In the past Mandt had a community band as well as baseball teams. They also had many community picnics. The following information appears on the plaque:

MANDT - N.D.

Site of Mandt Store and Auto Shop. The Store was built by Ed Herwick 1902. It was operated by several people into late 1940s. Local people met at the store to visit, buy supplies and play cards. The shop was moved across the river by Gust Mastre. It was detached from Mandt Hall (22 x 30) leaving a 18 x 30 hall. In the late 30's the hall was enlarged.

East, across the road, an official Post Office and Store was established in 1894. The Post Office operated until 1904. Store operated until a fire in 1931 burned it down. It was operated by the Ted Daley family. Present owners of property are Larry and Ann Pohanka.

North, across the bridge, District 62 school is located on west side of road. Mandt Hall was located on east side of the road until it was moved to Grafton Heritage Center in 1982.

This historic marker is on property owned by Richard Nelson. Formerly owned by Ray and Margaret Nelson, the Ole Hagen Family, and Ed Herwick.

1996



Mandt Community Concert Band taken in front of the Mandt Hall which is now located on the Heritage Village grounds in Grafton.

1996 Walsh County Historical Society Summary

The annual meeting and memorial service was held in January at the Heritage Village, Grafton. On April 28th the society met at the village and summer projects were discussed. In July the historical tour followed by a meeting and lunch at Sig Jagielski's Jugville. On Sept. 22nd the society met at the village and again on Nov. 10th when election of officers for '97 was held.

Chris Misialek, Minto, re-elected president; Ora Marie Stewart, Grafton, elected vice president, replacing John Curran; Wm. McMillan, Grafton, will continue his first three year term; Mary Rose Rodriguez, Grafton, recording secretary, replacing Paul Westby; Lorraine Paulson, Hoople, corresponding secretary; Ora Marie Stewart will continue as membership chairmen.

New directors elected for three year term: Paul Westby, Ken Stensland, Barb Bracken, Hold-over directors: Lizz Fagerholt, Lois Eisenrich, Gunnard Ness, Edith Harris, Delaine Peoples and Bob Vaudrin.

1997 will be the 30th anniversary of the historical society which was organized in April 1967.

Thanks to each one of you for what you have done so that the W.C.H.S. has been able to become what it is today. At times we wonder what we are really accomplishing. But, when we reflect back, we see many accomplishments. The society needs your continued support.

Todate the society has 81 life members, published 4 volumes of the Walsh Heritage books, supported County Museum in Minto and Heritage Village in Grafton, promoted many special programs, tours and other events, marked historical sites throughout Walsh County members have formed many lasting friendships.

Lorraine Paulson, Corr. Sec.

(Charles Stewart has prepared a chronological listing of some of the major projects or events of the historical society for the past thirty years and the sheet is enclosed in this newsletter.)

TIME TO RENEW 1997 MEMBERSHIPS

Renew your 1997 memberships. We would appreciate it very much if you would take a few minutes of your time to mail your annual dues. We are enclosing your membership card for 1997.

ANNUAL REGULAR DUES PER PERSON \$3.00
ANNUAL BUSINESS \$10.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$100.00

Your support helps sustain our Society.

Ora Marie Stewart, Membership Chairperson
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Historical Society Membership

In 1996 there were a total of 250 regular, 44 business and 81 life memberships in The Walsh County Historical Society. (Note: 68 of the life members are still living). New life members in 1996 were: Paul Koehmstedt, Minto, Henriksen-Kamrowski Funeral Home, Grafton, and John Curran, Grafton. Each life member has contributed \$100.00 and it is kept in an interest bearing certificate with the interest used by the society for its various projects.

The Society also thanks those who gave memorials this past year.

Multi-Ethnic Group

Three gatherings were held in 1996 for the Multi-Ethnic Group. Norwegian Independence Day was held on May 19th at the Heritage Village. On March 17th, St. Patrick's Day was observed at St. John's Church in Grafton. On Dec. 1st an Ethnic Christmas Party was held at the Heritage Village. No membership is necessary. Just bring something for the potluck. Co-chairmen are Margaret & Jerry Bruce; vice co-chairmen are Ora and Charles Stewart; treasurer and secretary are Gordon and Barb Bracken.

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A CHRONOLOGY OF WALSH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

1996

Lest We Forget

- 1967 The Historical Society was incorporated
 First Historical Board was formed
 Constitution and Bylaws adopted
- 1968 First Placemat Promotion, 12,000 copies
 Lanstad Church given to WCHS
- 1969 Affiliation of WCHS with State Historical Society
 Charter membership plaques sold
 Henry's Fort adopted as logo
 First of 12 county tours
 279 charter members
- 1970 WCHS Museum at Minto established
- 1971 Walsh County Commissioners established 1/4 mill
 levy for WCHS
- 1973 WCHS became legal tax exempt entity
 Lease was signed with the State for Heritage Village property
- 1974 Newsletter publication established
 First building (Voss Depot) moved to Village
- 1976 United States Bicentennial events
 Alexander Henry Rest Area dedicated
 WCHS Historical Books 1 and 2 published
 Museum at Minto dedicated
- 1977 County Ethnic Groups were formed
 Largest membership year for WCHS (1,120)

- Log cabin in Adams City Park dedicated
Museum at Minto received Heritage Development Award from RR Valley
Historical Society
- 1978 Theater building dedicated at Heritage Village
First WCHS parade float (Bakken's sod house)
- 1979 First *Museum Alive* celebration
- 1980 Chartered bus trip to Historical sites in Manitoba
- 1981 Celebrated County Centennial
Time capsule was buried at Heritage Village
Heritage Books 3 and 4 dedicated
Sale of Walsh County Centennial spoon
- 1982 First Mini-Folklorama held at Heritage Village
- 1983 Gaming started at Heritage Village
- 1984 First WCHS essay contest (over 100 entrants)
First Memorial Service conducted
- 1986 Calendar lottery established (as a fund raiser)
- 1988 Elmwood, formerly Williamson home, affiliated with Heritage Village
- 1990 Jugville property transferred to WCHS
- 1992 Museum at Minto placed on National Register
- 1993 First trust funds from Frank and Stephani Preporia Estates
- 1994 First By-Gone Days celebrated at Village
Walsh County Points of Interest featured on placemats (70,000 copies)

Charles H. Stewart
November 1996