

CASS COUNTY CLIPPINGS

October 1, 2008

CASS COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

P.O. BOX 505
201 MINNESOTA AVENUE W., WALKER, MN. 56484

ANNUAL MEETING
Monday - 6:30 pm
October 13, 2008
Cass County Museum

COME ONE!
COME ALL!

Seventy Years Ago 1938

Fall Marriage Licenses in Cass County
(Excerpt from Cass County Independent, January 6, 1939)

Dan Cupid was thrown for a loss in Cass County during 1938 as compared to 1937, according to a complete tabulation of marriage licenses issued by Clerk of Courts, A. K. McPherson. During 1938, 157 couples made application for licenses as compared with 178 for 1937, a decrease of 21.

June, the traditional month of weddings outranked all the other months with 22 intentions filed. The heart throbs are decidedly fewer during mid-winter and is apparent from an examination of the figures by month. Only 23 licenses were issued in the first three months of the year. Dan Cupid seems to be more lethargic during the winter months and gets in his biggest turnover during the late spring and late summer months.

October licenses were issued to: Frankie Collet and Pearl Marie Ackerson; Clarence Boyer and Margie Lee Smith; Edmund Larson and Ruth Day; Leslie Gardner and Irene Harrington; Homer Rodekuhr and Dorothy Pearl Sloan; Chester Cleveland and Goldie Peterson; Harry White and Bernadette Mainville; Albert Couchon and Ann Strom; Theodore Clemons and Florence Brennick; Wilfred Magnam and Johanna Brick; Richard Dunham and Mildred Matthews; Andrew Shortridge and Laura Shortridge.

November licenses were issued to: Floyd Glover and Eshger Glover; Lawrence Isrealson and Maxine Gjertson; Henry Lewis and Murial Shoemaker; Arnold Neitzel and LaDonna Gibbs; Charles Goochey and Marion Erickson; Walter Smith and Wanda Cramer; Oscar Isakson and Marjorie Potter; Lewellyn Fleisher and Mildred Perry; John Gaven and Lucille McClimek; George Snook and Helen Farnam; Joseph Johnson and Maggie Lee; Marcus Erickson and Jennie Bloyer; Frank Ylinen and Myrtle Collins; Robert Flaherty and Cecilia Jones; John Welk and Estelle Lien.

December licenses were issued to Jos. Bruckelmeyer and Leila Smith; C.C. Butcher and Etta Brown; Orville Johnson and Gertrude Johnson; Mike Smith and Marie Whitecloud; George Melby and Edna Carder; Leonard Carlson and Marjorie Wideman; Halvor Olson and Ida Green; Charlie Vasecka and Fern Krogh; Lloyd Nelson and Bernice Travis; Meinrad Kessler and Frances Grzeskowiak; Walter Tresler and Mary Graves; Peter Burkel and Lillian Halberg; Cleon Grauman and Neva Finner; John Walima and Caroline Phipps; Henry Sebastian and Cora Garrett.

WEBSITE

Visit our Cass County website: The site averaged over 500 hits each month during the summer. The obituary lists were the most popular part of the website and resulted in many inquiries to the museum for purchase of obituaries and related information.

CASS COUNTY HISTORY BOOK

A new book of Cass County images was released in April. The book is a collection of photos from the Cass County Historical Society and covers a variety of topics. The book was put together by Renee Geving and Cecelia McKeig, published and distributed by Arcadia Publishing. Books are sold at the Museum and in local bookstores. Lakeland TV of Bemidji conducted an interview at the museum on June 25th for broadcast the next week.

WANTED!

Volunteers to help collect obituaries from past and present newspapers. One can cut and paste from a collection of current papers or read old papers and put the information on index cards to add to our database. The goal is 25,000 obituaries. Elsie Nelson has been coming in regularly as a volunteer to assist with the office work and Bev Sheldon is working on the database.

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With some astonishment, I realized this week while cleaning and organizing some old files that the newsletter *Cass County Clippings* is in its 9th year of publication. How time flies when you're having fun!

ONGOING PROJECTS

Cec McKeig organized 3700 school cards into a database, purchased storage boxes and placed them into a card file. A date of 8th grade graduation is recorded on some cards but is missing on others. In some cases, the card only records a period of attendance at the school. Some cards have only a name and date, and should not be construed as complete. Others have the parent's name as well as the school. We know that many cards are missing.

Cec organized 1775 teacher records into a database. The database has been printed out. The cards were sorted and placed into a card file. We were no sooner finished than the first visitor at the Research Center came along and asked about a family member who had been a teacher in Cass County.

Cec extracted 3500 employee names from the Ah Gwah Ching box holder ledger with dates of box holder rentals. In some cases, the employee only rented a box for a three-month period, but it will place the employee in that job at that period of time. For example, Luzias Luzi rented a postal box from 1933-1934. The only other reference to him in a search on the internet places him in Minneapolis as a cook from 1932-1933. It is likely that he took a short term position at Ah Gwah Ching as a cook as well. There are names of teachers in both the teacher database and the Ah Gwah Ching database.

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Cass County Research Center

The research center is staffed by the Cass County Historical Society at the Cass County Museum in Walker. Through the winter, research help is available by appointment. The research library, obit indexes, newspaper microfilm, and other archival materials are accessible for a \$10 research fee for non-members.

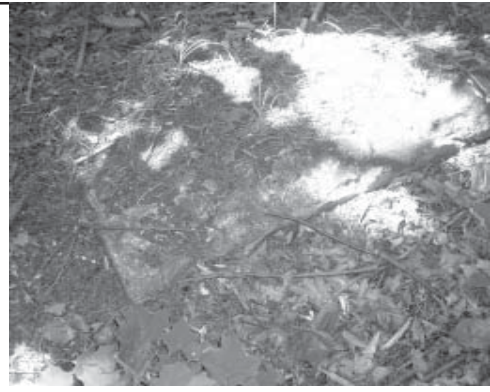
One of our immediate goals is to expand the microfilm collection of newspapers and census records as we have the only microfilm reader/printer available for public use in the county.

The Cass County Historical Society meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 at the Museum.

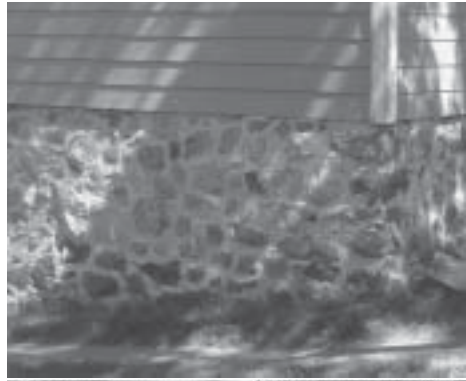
The next meetings are Oct 13th, Nov 17, and Dec 15th

LEGACY GRANT

The Legacy Grant Project ended on September 30th. We completed ten interviews with elders of the Onigum area and scanned approximately 300 pictures of people and places of the area. A Cemetery Transcription database for the St. John Episcopal Cemetery and the Old Catholic Agency Cemetery was added to the project. A day-long walk on August 9th with GPS technology enabled us to produce a GPS map of the area. The project will be showcased at the Minnesota Indian Education Conference at Mahnomon on October 8th and 9th. Photos show part of the original foundation of the Superintendents home at the Leech Lake Indian Agency; a cover from the original septic system at the government agency; a view of part of the original dock piling for the government dock; an old nail found near the dock access; the bell that was used at the agency for emergencies or to summon students; and a cornerstone of the foundation of the Onigum General Store.



GPS Technology & an Old Map



WALKER HISTORY WALK

A history walk up Cleveland Blvd has been developed by Renee Geving, Nita Eagle Frink, and Dan and Sue Eikenberry. Dates of June 16, July 21 and August 11th in 2009 will be publicized by the Chamber of Commerce. This evening walk will have stops along the way to hear a short presentation by someone acting as a local character. May Creek Seniors will do a trial run on September 29th. Photos are of two of Walker's early stores which will be included in the History Walk.



FIRST GRADERS VISIT THE MUSEUM

About 100 students from Walker's third grade visited the museum on September 18th, It was a beautiful fall day and they spent their school hours in the Huset school house and experienced pioneer education.

RESORT FILES

Jolene Safranek is organizing reams of information gleaned from county newspapers on the history of early Cass County resorts. The majority of information gathered so far is on northern Cass County. We have some information on resorts in southern Cass, but looking for volunteers to expand the collection. Also needed are photos and postcards as most of these resorts are no longer operating. Photos will be scanned and returned. Mr. and Mrs. David C. Hintz recently shared postcards from the Whipholt area.

CASS COUNTY RESEARCH CENTER

Every once in a while we get a call to aid law enforcement in solving a case. This August we got a call from the National Center For Missing and Exploited Children Cold Case Unit. Robert Hanson, the "Aviator Killer" from Alaska, was apprehended and sentenced to life in prison for the murders of four teenage girls there. While incarcerated, he spoke of murdering two boys in the Walker area in 1963 at a local resort. Investigators called and asked for our help in substantiating this claim. Renee Geving researched our resort files and found that his parents owned a local resort from 1963 to 1965. She also spoke with Onigum residents and found that no one knew of any missing 16-year-old boys in 1963. Renee forwarded this information to the Cold Case Unit in Montana.

Single (\$10)

Henry Achermann
Judy Laverne Arens
Francis Bean
Bob Bean
Vi Blackburn
Margaret Dewey
Marcella Fisher
Nancy Jacobson
Karen Kezele
William Kline
Diane Kramer
Charlene Moore
Elsie Nelson
Frank Olson
Diane Pitzen
Robert Rogers
Elizabeth Sauer
Erma Schantle
Jeanette Silbaugh
Betty Zaffke

Family (\$15)

Phil & Gina Borland
Bob & Dodie Burdick
Dick & Donna Evenson
Rich & Krista Hansen
Steve and Kay Johnson
Tim & Shelli Johnson
Bob & Betty Kangas
Norbert & Rosie Ochs
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Bob & Esther Rupp
Dana & Bev Sheldon
Art & Lois Shenk
Richard & Glenna Tappe
Bob & Germain Yochum

Business (\$50)

D. W. Jones, Inc.
Huddle's South Shore Resort
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Orton Oil Company
Ranch House Supper Club
Relative Research - Cec McKeig
Dr. Steve & Sharon Bilben

Membership - 2008

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City of Chickamaw Beach
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City of Lake Shore
City of Walker

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Kego Township
Leech Lake Township
Loon Lake Township
Meadowbrook Township
Pine Lake Township
Pine River Township
Ponto Lake Township
Powers Township
Rogers Township
Salem Township
Shingobee Township
Smokey Hollow Township
Sylvan Township
Torrey Township
Trelipe Township
Turtle Lake Township
Wabedo Township
Wilkinson Township
Woodrow Township

Memorials

Ardyce Achermann
Jeanette Fisher
Glenn Otteson

Other Donations

Jerry Geving: Nine upholstered chairs, one computer chair, misc. office supplies
Carol Sargent: Microfilm Purchase

2008 Membership

The Museum depends on your membership and donations to keep it going. Thank you for your support and contributions during 2008. Our next membership drive will begin in January 2009.



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