

Iowa County History

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**Annual Meeting on October 23, 2012 at 7 PM.
Community Room
Health and Human Services Building,
303 W. Chapel St, Dodgeville.**

The highlight of this year's annual meeting will be a one hour presentation by **Don McGuire** on the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp located at Highland, WI. Items to be discussed will be as follows:

- ◆ Why the camp was built
- ◆ What were the foods served
- ◆ What trucks and equipment provided
- ◆ How were the Soil conservation projects supervised
- ◆ How many men enrolled
- ◆ Many pictures and original correspondence can be viewed

The CCC was a New Deal work program established by FDR's administration on May 5, 1933. It was designed to provide employment for young men (ages 18-25) who had difficulty finding jobs during the Great Depression while at the same time implementing a general natural resource conservation program. Principle benefits of an individual's enrollment in the CCC included improved physical condition, heightened morale, and increased employability.

The CCC camp at Highland was located about 2 1/4 miles northwest of the city from 1934 to 1942. The camp housed over 200 men at a time (along with the officers.) The farmers and landowners around here could get things done for no charge by applying to the camp commanders. In this area the workers did a lot with soil

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Why Do We Read History?

By Neil Giffey

A good reason to read history is to muse about the lists of familiar Iowa County surnames and wonder if we are descended from one of the numerous citizens who have owned that little bit of Wisconsin turf where the **Henry Dodge** cabin resides. Bear in mind that the cabin has been twice moved a short distance from the original East Fountain Street location to satisfy the whims of several early settlers, anyway ---- *Read on and let us know if you connect to any of the early settlers.*

The lot at 205 East Fountain Street, Dodgeville, was donated to the Iowa County Historical Society by **Paul and Barbara Potterton**. It was originally acquired from the US Government by **William Crawford Young** as part of a forty-acre purchase in 1836 and is described as the W 40 feet of the N ½ of Lot 2, Block 7, Jenkin's addition, Legates Survey, City of Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin. The cabin was moved to this location in 1998 from a site about 100 yards directly east and rests within the perimeter of the original Dodge lead mining camp.

This property was included on other abstracts in the past as it is a portion of Lot # 2 Legates Survey. Listed below are all of the previous owners of Lot # 2 of the Legates survey from 1836 to 1998 when the ICHS accepted the ownership gift from the Pottertons.

Interpretive Period

United States of America
William Crawford Young
James Jinkins
James D. Jenkins
Samuel W. Reese
Charlotte & Alfred Edwards
William Jeuck
Adam Miller
Annie Miller
Jacob & August Miller
Patrick McDermott
Thomas Short
Margaret K. Thomas

Sarah Buck, Seth Thomas,
Art K. Thomas, Lottie Russell
Thomas & Alice Aid (aka Aide)
Herman Funk
Jennie Pine
Ronald & Mary Starkweather
Thomas W. King
Charles & Gladys Butteris
Franklin Trine
Dodgeland Properties
Dr. Wallace Rogers
Paul & Barbara Potterton

This interpretation demonstrates the evolution of a log cabin constructed in 1827 into a family home with clapboard siding, plastered walls, wallpaper, a brick chimney, and numerous wood frame additions, since removed. The interpretative period starts with the 1827 log construction which is protected but visible on the west side of the building while the other three sides are restored to the time of the original upgrading with clapboard siding between 1840 and 1850. The use of authentic unbeveled pine boards as siding demonstrates, as do the logs, the use of that building material which was most readily available when the need for shelter arose. The logging visible in the upper west gable end is believed to have been installed in the period 1830 to 1840. The chimney is restored and samples of the hand split accordion lath, plaster, and wallpaper are also visible to the visitor. In this small cabin, the story of human habitation in the Lead Region of Southwest Wisconsin is interpreted and brought to reality as living history.



Cabin before its last move



The interpretation left the west side exposed so people can see the construction methods used.

Hyde Day May 12, 2012

Friends came together to celebrate Hyde Territorial Day. This year the pioneer family of Hans Knutson was honored. Delilah Rickey accepted the recognition. Other descendants living in the area include Doris Crook, John and David Forseth, David and Jerry Tremelling, and Larry Hanson. The day was highlighted by Melva Phillips being honored by the Wisconsin State Senate for all her contributions.



State of Wisconsin

CITATION BY THE SENATE

KNOW YOU BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, Melva Phillips is known as a foresighted leader, volunteer, philanthropist, educator, preservationist and chronicler of Iowa County history; and

WHEREAS, Melva is an incomparable advocate for the Iowa County Historical Society, leading members to establish a building for the Society which includes a museum, preserving Simpson Church, the old Floyd school house, the Hyde Blacksmith Shop and many other projects: and

WHEREAS, Melva's historical expertise is in high demand and she uses her skills to document Iowa County people and places by snapping thousands of photographs: and

WHEREAS, Melva is a leader of the Ridgeway Methodist Church and can be counted on to help with fundraisers, dinners and meetings: and

WHEREAS, Melva is always happy to assist residents with genealogy research and she helped publish several books on Iowa County history including "Where Have All the Cheese Factories Gone?"; now

THEREFORE, the members of the Wisconsin Senate, on the motion of Senator Dale W. Schultz and Representative Howard Marklein, do commend Melva Phillips for her dedication to the preservation of Iowa County history.

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conservation - digging ditches, placing sod, making dry and wet dams, splitting fence posts and building fence. About 600 men were enrolled at the Highland camp during its eight year existence.

The federal CCC program officially ended on July 30, 1942 by which time most of its participants had enlisted to fight in World War II or had found other wartime employments. At that time, the buildings were taken down and disposed of by the federal government.

HIGHLAND CCC AUG 25, 1937



Iowa County Historical Society Ice Cream Social—July 26, 2012

It could have been the pies or ice cream, but I think it was the friends, fun, and music that got this group together. Tom Bedtka entertained us with his music. Stephen Roberts demonstrated the art of rope making. People got a chance to look around and tour the Floyd school and the new layout at the museum. And Alice Griffith, past President of the ICHS for eight years, was presented with a citation from the Wisconsin Senate. I hope you had fun!



Tom Bedtka



Neil Giffey & John Hess



Rep. Howard, Marklien presents Alice Griffiths the citation



Margaret Peat, Vicky Olds, John Hess & Candi Danz

State of Wisconsin

CITATION BY THE SENATE

KNOW YOU BY THESE PRESENT:

WHEREAS, Alice Griffiths served eight years as a very active Iowa County Historical Society president helping to collect numerous artifacts for the society's museum, also providing great programs for members and the community; and

WHEREAS, Alice dedicates herself as a volunteer in preserving Iowa County's past including people, places and happenings for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Alice lends her expertise in pulling together the Iowa County Historical Society's big community gathering – an ice cream social in July; and

WHEREAS, she volunteers at the Dodgeville Methodist Church rummage sales, Hyde Blacksmith Shop Territory Days, Floyd Rural School house, is a strong advocate of good government, not hesitating to speak her mind when necessary; and

WHEREAS, "Where Have All the Cheese Factories Gone" was made possible in part by her gracious help as well as many other society offerings; and

WHEREAS, as a natural caregiver, Alice Griffiths' career as a Registered Nurse knew no bounds for her willingness to always reach out with a helping hand; and now

THEREFORE, the members of the Wisconsin Senate, on the motion of Senator Dale W. Schultz and Representative Howard Marklein, do commend and thank Alice Griffiths for her extraordinary service to Iowa County and the State of Wisconsin

Thank You For Your Support!

The Soldiers of Poverty by M. J. Schueller was recently donated to ICHS by **Alice Griffiths**. It is a comprehensive report of the Civilian Conservation Corp experience and was drawn from several participants reports and pictures as well as from government files. It will certainly satisfy anyone's need to know about the CCC.

For one ICHS member, the book held an unexpected gift. One of the CCC camps was held at Jefferson Barracks military complex near St. Louis, Missouri. Eight of the CCC men from the leadership training class formed a special honor guard for the Memorial Day observance at the Jefferson Barracks National Military Cemetery in 1933. During this service, the CCC participants walked in unison through this Military Cemetery that adjoined the military complex to honor the fallen soldiers of several wars. "In the steamy haze of a Missouri morning, a chill went down the spine of everyone present as a military bugler played Taps. Every note hung in the air and echoed with reverence over this holy place." This tribute struck a cord with one local reader. Her ancestor **John Hale** (1830-1862) was a Civil War Soldier who was buried in the Jefferson Barracks Cemetery; thus reading this was particularly poignant.



Our thanks go out to **Alfred Ernzen**. He made a replica of the Floyd school that will be used for monetary donations. The donations will go toward a locked case for the safe keeping of some items for the Floyd school.

Acquisitions

John Trankle
genealogy for the Leix, Trankle & Mueller

Sue Whelan (a descendent of the Robinsons)
Things from the Standart Store: an advertising a Strong's bank, a receipt, a card of buttons and printed out genealogy info on several of the lines allied with Robinson, such as Kinnear, Sellers, and Smith

Beatrice (Williams) Knudtson
The wedding dress, shoes, kid gloves, bouquet of **Beatrice (Buroughs) Williams @1879**; her own dance dress that she bought for \$12 in Milwaukee after going to several stores @1941 and several baptismal dresses, very old Christmas ornaments.



Judy Judd
A complete, compiled records/photos/items documenting the history of the Iowa County Fair.

Thom Anderson
two tuxedos that belonged to **Orville Strong** and a teller window from Strong's bank.



The teller could unlock the window and open the lower panel of the window left for larger deposits.

Terry Carrol
Various pieces with local business names from long ago.

The Arena Historian
Donated two reference book: *Stone House* by Inez Learn and *Arena Athletics 1900-1962*.

Help us pinpoint old communities in Iowa County. Please send or call us with your knowledge as to the location, boundaries, origin of this name and where you learned this information (can be from family lore, newspaper, book or other source).

This issue's puzzle: Grayville

July's puzzle: **Frogville** is the name used for the area around where Folklore village is now. The frogs were abundant and loud.

New life for Point's Quonset Hut

The Quonset Hut at the 5 Points in Mineral Point is about to start a new chapter in its life.

"During World War II, the U. S. Navy needed lightweight, inexpensive, and easy to ship and assemble buildings. They had manufactured 150,000—170,000 of the Quonset huts. Their flexible interior space was open, allowing for use as barracks, latrines, offices, medical offices, isolation wards, and bakeries. After the war, the surplus corrugated steel structures were sold to the public.

The hut at the 5 Points was originally constructed by Bob Gant for his Ford dealership. It has been many things over the years including a feed store, Napa auto parts dealer and tin smith /sheet metal shop.

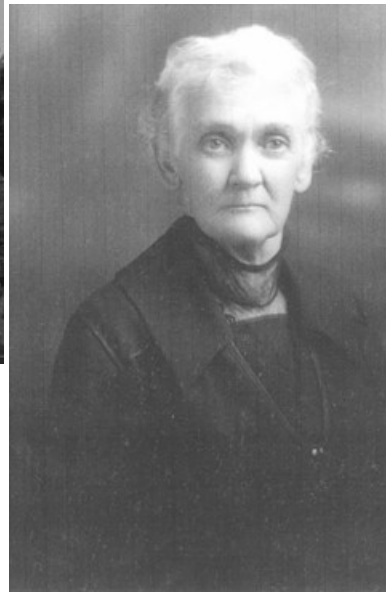
Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts has purchased the Quonset hut. The news that members of Shake Rag Alley came together to make the purchase possible is exciting. It will be interesting to see it develop!



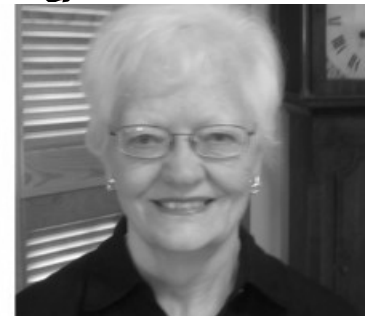
- ◆ Four drawer fireproof file cabinets
- ◆ Metal water bucket
- ◆ Old plat maps
- ◆ Volunteers!

Can you help identify this picture?

It may be students from the Long Valley School, Hollandale. Olin Bystol (1913-1998) attended the school around 1920-1925



Margaret Jane (Davies) Evans
8/17/1851 - 11/6/1931



Lonna Arneson is the great granddaughter of Margaret Jane Davies and Thomas Meredith Evans. You can see the resemblance.

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Highland CCC camp



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