

WOODBURY HERITAGE SOCIETY



8301 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury, MN 55125

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WHS MOVES TO MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Woodbury Heritage Society local history room is now located in the upper level of the new municipal building, 8301 Valley Creek Road. The room is located just to the south of the council chambers at the west end of the building.

The room will continue to be open from 1 to 3 p.m. each Tuesday and from 7 to 9 p.m. each Thursday. WHS volunteers are available to help with research at those times. With our new location it is also possible for us to readily respond to special research time requests. If you would like to utilize the WHS collection and can not do so during the hours now offered, please call room coordinator Julie Seemana, 738-3675, or Bernice Bielenberg 459-9618, to make special arrangements.

RESEARCH/INFORMATION REQUESTS

The number of requests for information received by the Society has been on the increase, according to Society President Dorothea Mahle.

Request to date have come from both members and non-members, local families looking for a date or picture, students doing community research, even the city has come looking for pre-development photographs. The majority of the requests come from out-of-town/state individuals who would like some family information but are unable to visit our facility to do their own research.

Volunteers are able to comfortably handle the volume of requests being received at this time and so welcome the opportunity to assist members with their research. Please send specific requests to Woodbury Heritage Society, 8301 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury, MN 55125, Attn: Julie Seemann.

Requests for total research of a family will be reviewed and costs estimated and sent to persons requesting information prior to beginning of research. Many of Woodbury's early families have been researched. If files contain completed family tree the cost is only copying fee.

The Society also offers many photographs of Woodbury pioneers, their homes and activities. Copies of these are available at very nominal fees. Send requests to address noted above.

CEMETERY TRANSCRIPTION/ FARMSTEAD RESEARCH WHS GOALS

In addition to its continuing efforts to collect family information and Woodbury artifacts, the WHS board has adopted two major projects for 1990. As soon as weather permits the Society will continue with the total transcription of the local cemeteries. In 1988 the Society reviewed the Salem Lutheran Church Cemetery. This information is now available at the Heritage Room. The information is stored on a computer disk and, by special request, can be sorted and printed numbers of different ways, i.e., by date of burial, date of birth or death, last name....

The transcription process is very interesting and having the information from the grave markers available in an easier to access form of great benefit to researchers. One can utilize the information even when the stones are drifted under snow banks or it is pouring outside.

More information about when and how to become involved later. Watch this space....

FARMSTEAD RESEARCH

The Society has begun work on its project to collect information on the farmsteads of Woodbury, both those remaining and those that have given way to the spread of urbanization.

WHS volunteers are now photographing remaining sites, and beginning preliminary recording of site location, ownership, etc. More indepth research will become an ongoing project. The Society plans to collect early photographs of the farms and identify builders, structure style, etc. to complete the research as time is available. We look forward to the possibility of publishing "A Look at early Woodbury" in the not to distant future.

Work on this project is now underway at the Heritage Room each Monday afternoon. Workers are needed. No experience necessary. If you can help please call Dorothea Mahle, 459-4634, to confirm date and times.

COUNTRY SCHOOL VIDEOS STILL AVAILABLE

Video cassette tapes of the Society's "Country School Reunion" and the District 27 all-class reunion of 1989 are still available for purchase. A combination tape can be purchased for \$15, either single is \$10.

To order tapes write Dorothea Mahle, 6781 Bailey Road, Woodbury, MN 55125, or call her at 459-4634.

MORIARTY PROGRAM WELL RECEIVED

Persons attending the November membership meeting of the Society found guest speaker Dan Moriarty's talk interesting and helpful.

Moriarty explained for the Society the steps he took to compile this register of Moriartys in the United States, his family newsletter, process for the publication his book on the Moriarty family and resulting reunions both here and abroad which have come from his research. There was something to encourage all those beginning or currently rescaching a family.

For those unable to attend this meeting, Moriarty has donated a copy of his book to the Heritage Library.

FAMILY PRESENTATIONS PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH MEETINGS

The presentation of pioneer family information will continue at the February and March membership meetings.

The February meeting will be on Tuesday, the 27th at the Woodbury United Methodist Church, 7465 Steepleview Road. The March meeting will on Tuesday the 27. The meeting place will be announced in next months newsletter. Mark your calendars.

The meetings will begin with the display of family photographs and artifacts at 7 p.m. with the oral presentations beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Society story in Review

The Woodbury Heritage Society was given some nice coverage in the Ramsey County Review recently. A copy of the story is available in the Heritage Room if you missed it. We also look forward to sharing our story with our community in the next issue of the Woodbury News.

Membership information current

This month's newsletter mailing label shows the current expiration date of your WHS membership. If you feel that there is a problem with the information please contact membership chair Emily Wolterstorff, 8930 Military Road, Woodbury, MN 55125, or call her at 459-1330.

Woodbury Heritage Society membership dues remain just \$3.00 per person for the 1989-90 fiscal year, May to May. If you have not yet sent your dues send checks payable to the Heritage Society to Woodbury Heritage Society, 8301 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury, MN 55125.

Newsletters with red checks on face are final copies.

Woodbury Heritage Society

2100 Radio Drive
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January 8, 1990

Dear Eileen,

The Woodbury Heritage Society is compiling a slide presentation to demonstrate the changes which have occurred in Woodbury as it moves from a rural farming community to a growing suburban city. The slides will be utilized for presentations in our schools, civic groups, etc.

At this time we would very much like to borrow your copy of the aerial photograph of the Lawrence Ebert farm.

We intend to copy the photograph for inclusion in the slide presentation and also for inclusion in the Heritage Society's collection of historic Woodbury photographs. With the loan we would also like permission for us to use, share and distribute the copy made according to WHS policies.

The original will be returned to you as promptly as possible and all possible efforts will be made to hold it safe while it is in our custody.

We would very much appreciate your bringing the photograph to the WHS membership meeting on February 27. If this is not possible or if you have questions about our request please call me 459-1515 or Bernice Bielenberg 459-9618.

Sincerely,



Ginny Jensen
Woodbury Heritage Society
Slide presentation committee