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ANNUAL MEETING
WOODBURY HERITAGE SOCIETY
7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 1998
Salem Lutheran Church
7825 Bailey Road, Woodbury

CALL TO ORDER - President Ken Wolterstorff

1997-98 ACTIVITIES REPORT - Bernice Bielenberg, Secretary

1997-98 FINANCIAL REPORT - Richard Pribnow, Treasurer

- The terms of Orville Bielenberg, Eileen Krueger, and Ken Wolterstorff are expiring on the Board. Eileen and Ken have agreed to accept another three-year term if elected. Orville has chosen not to be on the ballot. We will also need a replacement for Julie Seemann. Nominations will be taken from the floor.
- Ed Robb will talk about his book, AFTON REMEMBERED. Come hear about our neighbors to the east. Two of Woodbury's first settlers purchased a claim of land in Afton before coming to Woodbury.

Come join us for an interesting evening. Refreshments will be served after the program with time to visit with friends.

JULIE SEEMANN

Julie Seemann, long-time member of the Woodbury Heritage Society, died January 23, 1998.

Julie served on the Board of Directors and as Secretary of the Board for many of those years. We welcomed her ideas for programs and activities. She had computer skills which greatly contributed to the organization and publishing of the Heritage Happenings Newsletter. She was very interested in establishing a prairie/wetland restoration project and requested a grant for it. The restoration would have been in an area east and south of the Heritage House.

Her loyalty and contributions to the Society will be truly missed

WOODBURY HISTORIC SITES

As part of the City History prepared by the Woodbury Heritage Society for the updated City's Comprehensive Plan, we have included a list of historic buildings and sites. In the last issue of Heritage Happenings, we listed the historic buildings. This issue we are including the historic sites. If you have additional information, please send it to the Heritage Society, Woodbury Municipal Building, 8301 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury 55125.

Historic Sites

1. St. John Lutheran Church and Cemetery, 1435 St. John's Drive, Woodbury. First church built in 1870, second in 1903. New school in 1904. Church demolished in 1903 and new church constructed south of original site.
2. Military Road, south part of Woodbury. Fort Ripley Military Road used by cavalrymen in Civil War. First road in Woodbury Township.
3. School District #27 location (Gille School), 7264 Afton Road, Woodbury. First building built 1862; second had addition to hold eighty pupils. Only school in city with two rooms and 2 teachers. Razed for development.
4. School District #29 location (Sunny Hill School), 5999 Sunny Hill Drive, Woodbury. First building built 1860 and second in 1883. Destroyed by fire.
5. School District #41 location, 8100 Hudson Road, Woodbury. First school moved from another location, 1898, second building was moved there. In 1928 new school was built and later destroyed for highway construction in 1951. New school built in 1953 and used until 1964 consolidation.
6. Middleton Homesite, 11031 Bailey Road, Woodbury. Second settler's home built 1845. Now site of Washington County Garage.
7. Burr Oak, one-half mile north of Bailey Road, Woodbury on Tower Drive. Mentioned in 1847 land survey of Woodbury by Isaac Higbee. Used as one-half section line marker.
8. Town Hall site, NW Section 22, north side of Lake Road. Built 1876. Used for 85 years for town meetings, all elections, political meetings, and other community activities. Wood benches and a raised platform for voting booths permanently set up. Board shutters closed unless the building was in use. Razed 1957.
9. Corduroy Road site, Tamarack Swamp. Built of eight foot tamarack logs laid side by side to allow travel over wet areas of swamp.
10. Stone Quarry site, north side of Glen Road and west of Woodlane, Woodbury. Stone used for construction of Woodbury Methodist Church in 1867.
11. Indian Mound, west of intersection of Weir Drive and Tamarack Road, Woodbury. Small mound containing prehistoric chipped stone found in area. Private Property.
12. Feed grinding mill site, Afton Road and Tower Drive, Woodbury. C.1900. Mill, powered by steam engine, was used to grind corn and oats into cattle feed. In use until 1912. Torn down when Afton Road was widened.
13. Sawmill, 4845 Woodlane Drive, Woodbury. Steam-powered log sawing mill. Owned and operated by Charles Fritze.
14. Elevation point, 2300 Tower Drive, Woodbury. Highest point in Washington County at 1,104 feet.

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EXHIBIT COMMITTEE

The Exhibit Committee for the Heritage House has been meeting during the winter months and is anxious to start putting exhibits in the house. The committee hopes to have the house ready to show sometime during the summer. We will also need to have the gardens planted and taken care of by then. If anyone has suggestions for displays or can help the committee with this project, please call Eileen Krueger - 436-6558, Lorraine Raths - 578-3417, Vonnie Stutzman - 730-1547, or Bernice Bielenberg - 735-5014, members of the committee.

We have a list of items we would like for present or future displays in the house as follows:

- Feed sack items and stories about them
- Bread raiser
- Wire basket for picking potatoes
- Quilt
- Sewing basket
- Clothes stick for lifting clothes from hot water
- Rag rugs
- Roller towels and holder
- Pail and dipper
- Linens
- Rocker

Please call one of the committee if you can contribute.

MEMORIALS

The Heritage Society wishes to acknowledge memorial contributions received in recognition of Orris Schilling and Julie Seemann. Thank you to those who made the contributions.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION 1998-1999

The Heritage Society membership year begins June 1 and ends May 31. Please review the membership categories which were adopted at the Annual Meeting and are shown below. Check your membership preference and send your check payable to the Woodbury Heritage Society to Richard Pribnow, Treasurer, Woodbury Municipal Building, 8301 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury, MN 55125. Contributions to the Heritage House Project may also be sent to Treasurer Pribnow.

Membership Categories: Individual Membership \$6 per year ___ Family Membership \$10 per year ___

I would like to support the Heritage House Project with my donation of _____

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15. Blacksmith Shop, 1040 Woodbury Drive, Woodbury, C. 1885. Operated from 1885-1958 by Ferdinand Markgraf and son Ray and sold to Howard Pagel in 1958. Destroyed in 1965.
16. Spring, south side of Military Road, west of #8901 driveway. Low-volume spring where it is said cavalymen and soldiers on Military Road watered their horses.
17. Blacksmith Shop, northwest corner of Bailey Road and Woodbury Drive. Operated by Henry Schultz.
18. Blacksmith Shop, northwest corner of Valley Creek Road and Woodlane Drive. Operated by Gus Schmidt. Also had a shop on Afton Road for a short time in the 1920's where Community Hall later stood.
19. Blacksmith Shop, south side of Military Road, one-fourth mile west of Tower Drive, opposite #7676. Operated by August Strese.
20. Salem Lutheran Church, 9245 Bailey Road, Woodbury. First church built in 1866; second, prior to 1900 with a parsonage. Building vacated when new church built at 7825 Bailey Road. Old church demolished.
21. Log site, Military Road #8190, Woodbury, eight inches in diameter and four feet long found 70 feet down at the bottom of a new well in 1800. According to the State Archeologist the log would date back to the glaciers; therefore, it would be from 11,000 to 25,000 years old. The log may have grown on that spot and then was covered over by the glacier, or it may have been gouged out at some far distant place, brought along with soil and debris and deposited there when the glacier melted.

Additional sites listed in next issue

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