



CONNECTIONS

Winter 2006-2007

Serving Scott County

- Belle Plaine
- Blakeley
- Credit River
- Elko
- Lydia
- Jordan
- Marystown
- New Market
- New Prague
- Prior Lake
- Savage
- Shakopee
- St. Benedict
- St. Patrick
- Belle Plaine Township
- Blakeley Township
- Cedar Lake Township
- Credit River Township
- Helena Township
- Jackson Township
- Louisville Township
- New Market Township
- Sand Creek Township
- Spring Lake Township
- St. Lawrence Township

KITCHEN STORIES & RECIPES of SCOTT COUNTY, MN



Scott County Historical Society 2006

Recipes and food stories collected in the process of developing our local component to the exhibit *Key Ingredients: America by Food*, have now been incorporated into the SCHS cookbook: *Kitchen Stories and Recipes of Scott County!*

This unique story-filled cookbook contains recipes for *kolaches*, dumplings, *jaternice*, pickles, *booya*, old-fashioned holiday fruit-cake, Longan and red-date soup, Salvadorian *pupusas* and much more.

Cookbooks will be available for purchase in December - and will make wonderful Christmas gifts! Pre-order now and receive a special SCHS hot-pad FREE (a \$3 value).

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Thank You to everyone who contributed to the creation of this cookbook!

Oral History Interviewers: *Ione Theis, Kurk Marsden, Patrick Rodgers, and Fran Bohlke*

Recipe editor: *Ann Burckhardt*

Researchers: *Jada Hansen and Kathleen Klehr*

Design: *Kathleen Klehr*

**Readers: *Kris Stapleton and Patricia Mees*
and *Everyone* who submitted a family recipe
and/or story.**

From the Director's Chair
by Kathleen Klehr

Finished your holiday shopping? Save room on your list for the Kitchen Stories & Recipe cookbook from SCHS. We had a wonderful time collecting the stories and recipes - and choosing photos from our collection. Pre-register now, or stop in and purchase your cookbook in December. The cookbook is a fundraiser for SCHS.

While putting together the cookbook I was struck by the dedication of our volunteers and staff from early research and oral history collection, to writing the captions. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

The publication of this book is the final piece of the Smithsonian exhibit - *Key Ingredients*. Throughout the year-long planning, installation, tours and events, and cookbook research, Jada Hansen, our curator, has been a welcome collaborator. This December Jada will be leaving SCHS to take the position of Executive Director at the Hennepin History Museum in Minneapolis. Nearly two years ago Jada came to us on a part-time temporary basis as an assistant curator; because of her knowledge and expertise we brought her on as a full-time associate curator. Since that time she has dedicated herself to building our collection database, researching and installing numerous exhibits, participating in countless events and tours, and immersing herself in historic preservation. I know that the skills she honed here at SCHS will be invaluable in her new position. Please join me in wishing her well in her new position, and encouraging her to keep in touch with us.

I am reminded of when I first became director at SCHS; at that time I started building our staff from scratch. We were extremely lucky to bring on two such talented persons as Patrick Rodgers and Jada Hansen. It is rewarding to know that we played a part in the advancement of their careers. Now we begin our search again for two new staff members - Curator and Program Manager. This next year will be one of new beginnings and I am very hopeful that it will be a year of growth for SCHS.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE!

The Annual Appeal letters are in the mail!
Please take a few minutes to make a financial contribution to SCHS. Your donation makes it possible for us to continue collect the material history of Scott County, and create meaningful education programs and exhibits for all residents of the county. Your charitable contribution is 100% tax deductible.

Thank You!



NEW SCHS BOARD MEMBERS

The SCHS membership voted in two new board members at our annual meeting on October 19, 2006. Kim Gassner, Executive Director of the New Prague Chamber of Commerce; Kim has a strong background in marketing and public relations, as well as a degree in history and historic preservation. John Diers has a long history in the public transportation industry, serving over 36 years. In addition, John is an excellent writer, his book *Twin Cities by Trolley, The Streetcar Era in the Twin Cities*. This illustrated history of the Twin City Rapid Transit Company will be published by the University of Minnesota Press in January 2007. He has also written articles for SCHS in the County Scene. Please join me in welcoming them to the SCHS board of directors.

At our annual meeting we also said goodbye to two long-serving board members, Ethel Jacobson and Frank Knoke. They served SCHS well and we appreciate their contribution of time and talent to the benefit of SCHS. Thank you!

TEAS

This year our Christmas Teas have been wildly popular, selling out weeks early even though we added an additional tea this year.

Those of you that were unable to register for a Christmas Tea can still get in on the fun by registering for a **Valentine Tea**.

Two teas are offered on February 14, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To Register, please call 952-445-0378 or email at info@scottcountyhistory.org.

Anyone interested in volunteering at a tea please contact SCHS at 952-445-0378 or jhansen@scottcountyhistory.org.



2005 Christmas Tea. Patrick Rodgers in costume as Thomas Holmes

THANKS TO GENEROUS DONORS, MORE HISTORY SAVED, PRESERVED, SHARED

Here are just a few recent acquisitions:

- Clothing, photographs and documents relating to Deutsch/Mamer or Robel families (38 items total), Mary Ellen Walsh
- 1 framed print, 1 framed advertising card with prayer, Lois Duede
- Marschall Family Genealogy--Raymond Marschall on behalf of the Marschall Family
- Parsons of Czech Heritage, Genealogy book--bound, published, Father William J. Paron
- Genealogy of Linn-Bartz and related families. Richard Bartz
- Microfilm of the First Presbyterian Church - Shakopee, Records 1858-1963, Staff Collected



- Laundry wash board, ca. 1920, Gerrie Heiland
- Outdoor oil lamp from Shakopee barn, ca. 1912, Theresa Stemmer
- Bound books for the City of Shakopee, Daniel Halloran
- Minnesota Valley Community Church in 1985, Prior Lake, Sandi Andersen

ca. 1907 New Prague Outdoors photo of three women and two girls in a wood, standing near dead tree and pond. Woman on left is Sophia Deutsch Mamer holding Henrietta Deutsch. Henrietta's mother, Anna Kaepper Deutsch, is standing on the right. The girl in the middle is Rose Deutsch (Sherkenbach).

Where have all the Photographs Gone?

As the leaves turn brown and fall, we rake them into bags to place by the curb; it is clear that the year is coming to an end and soon January, and the nip of another Minnesota winter will be upon us. It is during this time I always get nostalgic and think of seasons previous. This year I am not only wondering about the winters of my childhood, but rather the way that winter touched our lives for hundreds of years in the Minnesota River Valley. As the historical society's Curator, I have the luxury of taking a tour through time through our database, which has hundreds of images at my finger tips. I have spent many hours sifting through the picture files looking for images of a specific topic or time in history.

What I am struck by is that there is so much we do not have in our collection. For example, we don't have any images of Scott County residents in their kitchens or dining rooms; neither will you find children sitting under the Christmas tree preparing to open presents, or building snow forts. I recall these events fondly from my own childhood and I wonder why these moments are not in our files. Do you have photographs lying around your house that you would like to find a safe home, where they could benefit the greater community?

By donating your photographs to the Scott County Historical Society, you help

us fulfill our mission to *Search, Save, and Share the History and Cultural Heritage of Scott County.*

We need photographs of as many subjects as possible from around the county in order to create rich exhibits that demonstrate our history. Last July we had an exhibit called *Key Ingredients: America by Food*, which was brought to us by the Smithsonian Institution—photographs from residents helped to connect our community to a national issue. Feel free to give us a call or bring in your photos, all subject matters are welcome.



LeRoy Lebens: A Life in Pictures

On September 7th we opened a new exhibit on the photographs and paintings of LeRoy Lebens. LeRoy's talent for capturing the unique qualities of his subjects and his keen eye for history are evident in his atmospheric and documentary photos. This exhibit will be on display through March of 2007.



Volunteers are needed to help conduct research for our upcoming exhibit "Mom & Pop Businesses". Become a History Detective and search out information and photos of businesses throughout the county. Training in historical research is provided.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have some time to spare? Interested in making a difference? Love history? Enjoy being a "history detective? Then look no further! SCHS has any number of volunteer opportunities to fit your interests and skills.

- * Oral history transcription
- * Subject research - numerous subjects to choose from
- * Staff an SCHS event
- * Data entry
- * Photography
- * Artifact research
- * Database updates
- * Gather supplementary information for SCHS bookclub
- * Tour guide
- * Exhibit building
- * Writer
- * Newsletter editor
- * Mailings

Tell us what you are interested in! Volunteering at SCHS is fun, informative, and a great way to make a lasting contribution to your community. Call Today! 952-445-0378, or stop in for a visit.

From The Research Library by Betty Dols

On Oct. 19, 2006, the Scott County Historical Society held the 12th Annual Meeting since acquiring a building, in the Stains Museum at Shakopee. Those of you who missed it, missed an excellent presentation by Kevin Wester, Director of Development for the Luxembourg American Cultural Society, on their planned new building in Belgium, Wisconsin, and also about the roots of many of the pioneer immigrants of Scott County.

When the area that became Scott County was opened for settlement early in the 1850's, some of the earliest settlers were the emigrants from the Mozelle Valley of Luxembourg and Trier who had immigrated the United States between 1846 and 1856. The Erie Canal had opened in 1837, providing familiar and reasonably priced travel from the Port of New York through the Canal and the Great Lakes. Their destinations were the numerous ports on the shores of Lake Michigan in Wisconsin and Illinois. Ten years later many of these immigrants came overland or on the newly opened railroads to the Territory of Minnesota.

Some of the descendants of these families are still living in Scott County. One of the most prominent was probably Jacob Ries, founder of the Ries Bottling Works of Shakopee. There was also John Wampach of the Wampach Wagon Manufacturing Co.

Peter Mamer settled in New Prague. Johan Brueck, Theodore Broos, John and Nicholas Colling, August Lies, Jacob and Hubert Schaack, Nicholas & Peter Thill were among those who settled at Jordan.

At Marystown were Nicholas Baekes, Henry Henkels, Michael and Jacob Klehr, John B. Grommesch, Nicholas Hahn, Mathias Lies, Matthias Poetz, J. Stoffel, John Wagner and John and Mathias Mechtel.

By far the biggest concentration of Luxembourgers were at Shakopee and New Market. In New Market were Nicholas Ries and Johan Dondelinger, Dominick Moes, Martin Eischen, George Herber, Michael and Johann Rosen, Johann V. and Matthias Mahowald, Peter Hoffelt, John Tillges, Mathias Sauber, and many more.

Shakopee had many settlers from Lux and for many years had an annual Luxembourger Ball as well as a summer picnic. Some of these families were John Edert, John B. Conter, Michael deVille, John B. Colbach, Anton Beckrich, Dominic Majerus, Joseph Linhoff, Bernard Hartz, Bernard Kinn, John Lies, Anton Marschall, Hubert Roehl, Adolph Schmitz, John and Joseph Thiem, Theodore Mertz, Peter Schuller, Hubert Marx, Michael Mather, Nicholas Wampach, & V. Zoller.



Mr. & Mrs. Matthias Mechtel with their twelve sons and five daughters, July 1922.

ALL THINGS MINNESOTA - BOOK CLUB - SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The SCHS bookclub has space for a few new members. Every third Thursday the bookclub meets at the Historic 1908 Stan's House at 1:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. for a lively discussion of the chosen book. December's book is: *All Hell Broke Loose: Experiences of Young People During the Armistice Day 1940 Blizzard* by William H. Hull. This December meeting members will create a list of books for the coming months. Each of the books have a Minnesota connection - through the author or content.

For the past year the Scott County Library System partnered with SCHS to present the bookclub. This January, the clubs takeover ownership of the clubs. While the library staff will no longer facilitate the discussions, they will remain a resource for recommending books. Special thanks to Cindy Purser and Vicki H? who have dedicated their time and inspiration from the beginning. Their insight has been invaluable!

SCHS will continue to provide space for the bookclubs as well as prepare supplementary information at various months throughout the coming year. For more information or to join the bookclub, call 952-445-0378 or email info@scottcountyhistory.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Don Wruck Shakopee, Kim Gassner New Prague, Margaret Knight New Prague, Kathy Horan-Grambsch Eden Prairie, Joseph and Gretchen Helkamp Shakopee, Carol Anderson Shakopee Chamber of Commerce Shakopee, Willima Paron Carver, Klein Bank Chaska, Daniel and Merrilee Carlson Hastings, Eileen Schmitz Shakopee, Sandi, Jo and Donna Arnold/Pierre Stanton, Joe Pekarna Jordan, Barbara English Maple Grove, Vivian Isakson Shakopee, Barbara Pumper Belle Plaine, Mary and Cliff Klehr Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Rempe Washington, Daun Gleason Shakopee, Elizabeth Lins Burnsville, Cecil Farrall Prior Lake

ETIQUETTE, SCHM-ETIQUETTE, WHO CARES?



Etiquette has dictated how to live "properly" throughout history. Which fork to use? The white glove treatment. What to wear? When to turn off the cell phone? Road rage? We will explore proper etiquette and manners from Emily Post to Ms. Manners. Join in a lively discussion about proper manners from the 1880s to today, including entertaining, clothing, social niceties and much more. White gloves optional.

SCHS offers these presentations through Community Education throughout the county this spring. To register contact the following Community Education offices.

March 8, 6:30 p.m. Jordan Comm. Ed.

March 20, 6:35pm, Burnsville Comm. Ed.

April 12, 6:30 pm., Shakopee Comm. Ed.

April 21, 9:30 a.m., New Prague Comm. Ed.

WISH LIST

Thank you to member Larry Vossen for donating a Sony Digital camera and printer to SCHS. His contribution is most welcome. We use the camera to document events, historic buildings, artifacts, update our collection database, and more. Thanks Larry!

The following items are still on our wish list. Please contact us to make a donation at 952-445-0378 or info@scottcountyhistory.org, or stop by!

- * Copy paper
- * Computer monitor
- * Subscription to Ancestry Library.com
- * Quality microphone for oral histories
- * Quality cassette tape recorder



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What's Ahead at the Scott County Historical Society

November 30, December 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 12:
 Christmas Teas

December 21: All Things MN Bookclub Meeting

December 25 & January 1: Closed for Holidays

January 18: All Things MN Bookclub Meeting

January 25: Crazy Quilters Meeting

February 14: Valentine Tea (see ad page 3)

February 15: All Things MN Bookclub Meeting

February 22: Crazy Quilters Meeting

March 8: *Etiquette, Schm-Etiquette, Who Cares?*
 Jordan Comm. Ed.

March 15: All Things MN Bookclub Meeting

February 22: Crazy Quilters Meeting

March 20: *Etiquette, Schm-Etiquette, Who Cares?*
 Burnsville Comm. Ed.

March 22: Exhibit Opening: Mom & Pop
 Businesses

March 22: Crazy Quilters Meeting

April 12: *Etiquette, Schm-Etiquette, Who Cares?*
 Shakopee Comm. Ed.

April 26: All Things MN Bookclub Meeting

February 22: Crazy Quilters Meeting

April 21: *Etiquette, Schm-Etiquette, Who Cares?*
 New Prague Comm. Ed.

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