

LAKEVILLE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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"In recognition of the responsibility to past and future generations, the mission of the Lakeville Area Historical Society shall be to document, collect, preserve, and teach the history of the Lakeville area."



"From Wasioja to Washington"

Monday, April 15, 7:00 pm

This MN Civil War documentary tells the story of the men and boys from a small town in southeastern MN who were recruited from Northwestern College Seminary to muster at Fort Snelling, then follows them through battles and to their march with General Sherman. You won't want to miss this amazing story.



Civil War Artifacts Sought

Minnesota and Lakeville were well-represented in the Civil War. In fact, Lakeville had its own militia that participated in drills and was prepared to defend its little village.

The Historical Society is developing a window display focused on the Civil War era and is looking for photographs, military papers and other items related to that time period.

If one of your ancestors served in the military during that time period and you are willing to share your memorabilia, please give us a call at 952-985-4680. If we are not in the office please leave us a message and we will return your call promptly. We will make copies of any photos or papers and return your originals to you.

Narrative of CW Curry, April 14, 1905, excerpted from "Old Days in Dakota County," a publication of the Dakota County Historical Society)

"Hoosiers on the Move" In the spring of 1855 there were 13 covered wagons (or 'prairie schooners' as they were called) left Miami County, Indiana, near the little city of Peru and started for Minnesota. They traveled for several weeks before they reached their destination some time not far from the 1st of June.

The first event to which my attention was called took place one day while the party were in camp just south of Castle Rock (I mean the rock itself). They were on the south side of the big marsh. They saw the rock at a distance which they believed to be a monument of some illustrious dead, or a mark of some boundary line between some of the Indian tribes.

They sent a delegation across the marsh (no easy undertaking) to investigate. They did so cutting their names in the soft sand stone as others had done before. After the delegation returned, the party struck camp and moved farther west going in camp on the banks of Chub Lake near the old homestead of Segar Larson. From here they moved south to Cannon Lake, four miles west of Faribault where they went into camp for several days, while a part of the company traversed the big woods (lying on the west) on foot and looked over the prairie west to the Blue Earth River, not far from where Mankato now stands. When they returned they decided they could not get through the woods with their wagons. They decided to turn back and double their trail to Chub Lake and concluded to settle in the Vermillion Valley not far from the head waters of the streams from which the valley had taken its name."

LAHS March Calendar

- * The LAHS display area will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays in March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- * LAHS members are invited to attend the monthly board meeting on Monday, March 18 at 3 p.m.

If you have a collection or items of interest, please consider loaning or donating them to us for others to enjoy. Contact the LAHS at 952-985-4680

Welcome New Member
Donna Rollins

Video Corner Now Ready

Thirty-four films featuring places and people of Lakeville's past are available in our new Video Corner. Vern Jensen is shown here pointing out the video that depicts Argonne Farms, a failed resettlement project for WWII veterans. Other topics include Antlers Park, Lakeville Creameries, local musician Sonny Plumb, blacksmith Bob Christiansen, Brandtjen Farm, and Highland Cemetery.

