



PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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*Plymouth
Historical
Society*

*Sunday
May 19th
1-4 p.m.*

"True Tales of the Past"

The program will be informal with anyone and everyone sharing stories of the past. We especially invite our Senior Citizens who have wonderful memories and stories to share from their pasts.

Please see the attached flyer for more details.

The schedule is as follows:

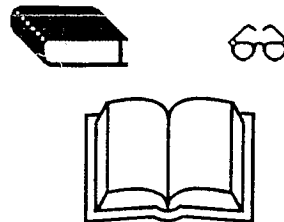
- A short business meeting at 1:15 pm with election of five Board of Directors.

The directors up for re-election are:
Alberta Casey, Myrtle Eckes, Joyce McCaughey, Gary Schiebe and Harvey Schiebe.

- Program and Bake Sale at 1:30 pm.

Museum Donations

- German Liberal Cemetery Booklet
Donated by: Vern & Carol Peterson
- Pump Organ
Donated by a friend of Vern Peterson
- History of Hennepin County and Minneapolis
Donated by Norman Martin
- 1920 Vintage Hay Fork
Donated by Ben Broman



FAMILY HISTORIES

The Plymouth Historical Society has quite a few family histories on file. We welcome people to come and look at them, which may help you trace family roots. The following is a copy of one of the histories on file.

Frank Hatcher Sr.



Frank Hatcher Sr. and wife



Frank & Julia Hatcher

Frank Hatcher Sr. was born in Dorsetshire, England, on July 28, 1830. He married Mary Ann Wilkins at Matcam Church at Gillingham on April 12, 1848. The ceremony was performed by Parson Dean. While still in England they had three children; Martha, born June 14, 1849; Albert, born March 3, 1851; and Frank Jr., born March 27, 1853.

Frank Sr. came to America in 1853, and lived in Burlington, Iowa. Here his wife and children joined him. In crossing from England, a storm blew the ship off course and it took several weeks longer to get to America. In March 1856 Frank and his family came to Minnesota and settled on a farm in Plymouth where they lived the rest of their lives. Mary Ann died on February 24, 1906 and Frank Sr. on January 27, 1915.

On March 3, 1857, Frank Sr. walked to Forest City near Litchfield where the government offices were located and pre-empted on the N.W. 1/4 of sec. 17, 40 acres, and the E. 1/2 of the

S.E. 1/4 of sec. 18, 80 acres - for which he paid \$1.25 an acre.

The next children born to this couple were a set of twins which were some of the first children to be born in Plymouth Township. Their names were William and Sarah, born August 5, 1857. Then came Emmanuel, born July 8, 1859; Anna, born August 20, 1861; Thomas, born July 19, 1863; Amellia, born July 8, 1865; Amos, born February 16, 1867; Alice, born September 20, 1869; Edwin, born July 1, 1871; and James, born December 1874. It was a common thing during their early childhood for these children to have to scamper under the beds when the Indians came to beg for food. They also remembered the time the tribe from up North came through the fields near their house on the way to the New Ulm Massacre, all painted up in their war paint.

These pioneers thought nothing of walking to Minneapolis for their supplies and coming home with a sack of flour on their backs rather than taking the oxen as that was at least a three day

trip and they could make it in two by walking. About once a year they had to make the trip with the oxen so as to bring the year's supplies home. Once when Frank Sr. went with the oxen, the Indians came for food and when they didn't have much to give them, the Indians wouldn't go away. Mary Ann had to show them and still they stayed. As Frank Jr. told about it, the children were very frightened and pretty tired of staying under their beds.

Frank Sr. was drafted into the Army and served in Company G, Third Minnesota, until the close of the Civil War.

Through all the hardships of this rugged life, there were relatively few early deaths in this large family. A brother of Mrs. Hatchers was drowned in Parkers Lake and was believed to be one of the first to be buried in Parkers Lake Cemetery in about 1871. Martha, the eldest daughter, who was married to Charles Hughes on May 16, 1865, died at the age of 33 in 1882, leaving seven small children, and Edwin was killed in a shooting accident in 1894 at the age of 23. Most of the rest of the family lived to ripe old ages. In fact, at the time of this writing, Amos (age 86 in 1953) and married to Mary Luby on May 13, 1890, still live at Buffalo, Minnesota, where he farmed until his retirement a few years ago.

Nine of the children chose farming as their life work, two went to Minneapolis - one as a housewife and one as a teamster - and the other, which I think the most colorful, was a lumberman and business man. Frank Jr., who was married to Julia Hughes on November 25, 1876, and Ann who married John Hughes on October 29, 1878, settled on farms near the old home and their descendents are still on the very same places. In fact, Ann's grandchildren are living on the original Hughes farm. Frank lived to the age of 82, passing away in December 1935 and Ann passed away in 1947 at the age of 86.

Albert married Winnie Barry on January 5, 1880, after he had begun his career in the woods. He was known as a "Lumber Cruiser". This is one who goes into the woods for the big companies and determines how many board feet of lumber in a given section. He also spent many winters bossing the work crews in the camps. In about 1915, he built the first garage in Wayzata. Later he sold it to Mr. Moore and it has been known as the Wayzata Motor Company. Now the building is being remodeled into a grocery store. Soon after this he retired and lived with a daughter on the West River Road near Minneapolis until he passed away in 1940.

Sarah married Henry Case and lived on a farm near Rockford until her death on February 2, 1929. This family was interested in racing, first horses and then cars. William married Minerva Lewcock and went to town to be a teamster until trucks took over the work of the horse and he retired. He died on January 15, 1926.

Amellia married William Davis on October 1, 1884 and lived until her death in 1953 in Minneapolis. Emmanuel, or "Doc" as most people knew him, was married to Jennie Pover on January 1, 1884. This brother had a restaurant on the old market which he ran for several years before the farm called him back. After a few years in Plymouth Township, he took his family to Wisconsin, near Grantsburg, where he lived until his death in 1933. Alice was married to Henry Gerber on December 9, 1890 and spent the remainder of her life on a farm a few miles west of the old home. She died on February 2, 1918.

Thomas married Clara Snyder December 15, 1892 and spent many years on a farm east of the old home place and then took his family to Minneapolis where he worked as a teamster. He passed away in 1949. James, the youngest member of the family, married Lena Barcow July 12, 1894. He also settled on a

farm, later went to town as a teamster. and died on February 26, 1923.

Frank Sr. and Mary Ann were buried in Parkers Lake Cemetery along with the following children: Martha, Frank, William, Anna, Thomas, Amellia, Alice, Edwin and James. ♦

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following is the present Board of Directors:

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OFFICERS

The following are the present officers:

President	Gary Schiebe	473-4889
Vice President	Ben G. Broman	559-5721
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Treasurer	Harvey Schiebe	545-6127



MAILING AND MEMBERSHIP LIST

Attention!! For all those who have forgot and not paid their 1996 dues (due by April 1st), we have included a 1996 Membership Dues Form. Please send in the form or if you have any questions, please call Alberta Casey, 559-9366.

The annual dues are:

Individual.....	\$7.50
Family.....	\$12.00
Lifetime.....	\$100.00

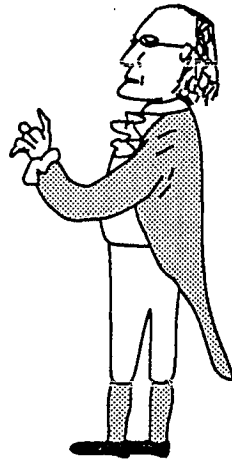
PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE

"True Tales of the Past" & Bake Sale

Sunday, May 19, 1996
1:00 - 4:00 PM



Once
upon
a time...



PROGRAM

SCHEDULE: 1:15 - Business Meeting
1:30 - True Tales and Bake Sale

LOCATION: PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL BUILDING
3595 Fernbrook Lane
Plymouth, MN

We have invited members and their friends to come and share *"True Tales of the Past"*. The program will be informal with anyone and everyone sharing stories of the past. I am sure many of our Senior Citizens have some good *"True Tales of the Past"*.

Bake goods are also being provided for a Bake Sale!

MUSEUM OPEN -- REFRESHMENTS SERVED