

THE COUNTY CHRONICLER

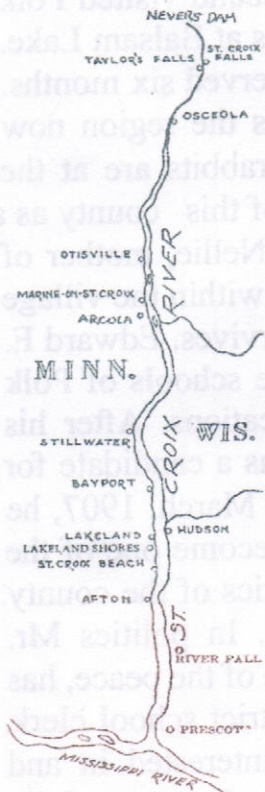
Polk County Historical Society

2005

May

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St. Croix River – Ferry Crossings & Bootlegging is the topic for the May 24th Meeting



7:15 p.m.
Community Room
New Justice Center
Balsam Lake

Our speaker, Ward Moberg grew up in Taylors Falls, Minn. and is now a retired teacher & resident of Osceola.

Moberg has a lifelong interest in local history and helped with *The Dalles Visitor*, for many years, editor for six years.

Lunch will be served by Lois Hoff and Phyllis Gabrielson

5:45 p.m. Executive Board Meeting



Mamie, Dorothy & E.E. Husband
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**E. E. Husband is brother of Nellie L.
Nellie married Ira Park
Nellie and Ira are the parents of
Marion Park Deaver**

Ira's wife was a Husband!

Marion Park Deaver and Harry Gilbert Deaver are responsible for the Foundation Charitable Trust which the Polk County Historical Society has contracted with, for the matching grant of \$100, 000 to build an addition housing an elevator in our museum.

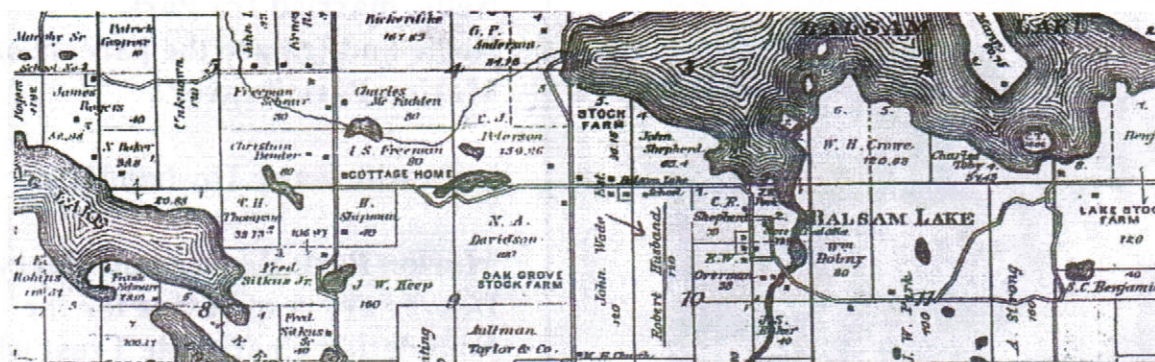
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The following is extracted from the HISTORY OF THE SAINT CROIX VALLEY, Volume II, page 1002, Editor, Augustus B. Easton, Published by H. C. Cooper, Jr. & Co., 1909

Robert Husband - Edward E. Husband

Edward E. Husband, a well-known editor of Polk County, was born in Flint Township, Pike County, Illinois, March 15, 1877, son of Robert and Esley (Grable) Husband, the former of English and the latter of Welsh-German descent. Robert Husband visited Polk County for the first time in 1862 and worked in one of the early sawmills at Balsam Lake. Later he enlisted in Company F, 137th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served six months. Subsequently he came from Illinois to Wisconsin again. In those days the region now known as Polk County was a wilderness and deer were plentiful as rabbits are at the present time. After thoroughly satisfying himself as to the desirability of this county as a place of permanent abode, he brought his family [including daughter, Nellie, mother of Marion (Park) Deaver] here in 1881 and located on a farm that now lies within the village limits of Balsam Lake. He died October 26, 1904, and his widow still survives. Edward E. Husband received a good common education at home and taught in the schools of Polk County for eight years, working on the farm during the summer vacations. After his father's death in 1904 he ran the farm for several years and in 1906 was a candidate for clerk of court, being defeated by John Davidson by a small majority. In March, 1907, he purchased the "Polk County Ledger," since which time the paper has become one of the recognized weeklies of the Northwest – an important factor in the politics of the county. The editorials are well written and the paper is newsy and readable. In politics Mr. Husband has always been a Republican. He has been twice elected justice of the peace, has served one year as school treasurer and three years, 1905-1908, as district school clerk. During the same period he was village clerk. He has always been interested in and connected with every public enterprise of a local nature and is recognized as one of the leading exponents of all that tends to the betterment of the county and village.



GOODBYE ED, AND THANKS, (Editorial in February 21, 1974 Polk County Ledger, 1ST section, 2nd page)

How do you say goodybye to an old friend? Perhaps by recalling some of those memories...

In December, 1904, he and James Ely went by train to the St. Louis, Mo., Exposition and heard President Theodore Roosevelt speak.

Somehow he met Mamie Kippen of Clear Lake who was also a schoolteacher and on June 14, 1905 they were married at the Kippen home at Clear Lake. The wedding write up in the Ledger indicates it was quite an affair with the vows said at high noon and breakfast served afterwards. The next night Ed and his bride were at their Balsam Lake home, the Jensen band from Milltown came down and about 100 relatives and friends came in, partied, ate and left about 11:00 that evening. The wedding write up said of Ed: "The groom has been one of our Polk County teachers, Ed was the first and only male teacher at Sucker Lake School and also taught in the Balsam Lake Schools] a bright, genial fellow of good business qualities and is to be congratulated on his securing such an estimable young lady for a wife."

Ed purchased the Polk County Ledger from N. E. Johnson... In a notice headed "To the Public," Mr. Husband announced: "For the seventh time in its history the Polk County Ledger comes out this week under a new proprietorship... While conscious that my lack of experience in newspaper work will be a barrier in the path to success, yet, I hope by energy and stick-to-it-iveness to be able to overcome the obstacles and publish a sheet that will be a welcome weekly visitor in many homes..."

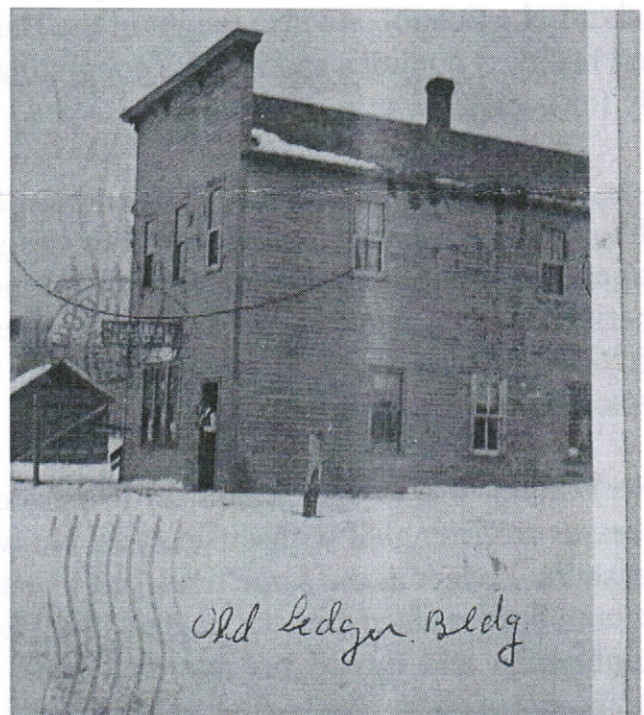
From reading the Ledger volumes of subsequent years there comes a picture of some successes intermingled with difficulties. He was elected clerk of court and endeavored to publish the Ledger at the same time, just as later he was elected to the assembly and found that both jobs caused him to neglect the Ledger. He was defeated for a third term as assemblyman and turned his attention back to the newspaper, doing some of his best writing.

In his last editorial he wrote: "Just as a time comes into life of each and everyman to say 'Good Bye' to this world, so the time has come for the writer to say 'Good Bye' to his ownership and editorial management of the Ledger.

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FORMER LEDGER PUBLISHER DIES AT 96 (The Polk County Ledger, 2nd section, 1st page)

Husband was active in county and state politics. He was assemblyman for two terms from 1926 thru 1930, was appointed clerk of court in 1917 and served thru 1926 when Walter T. Peterson was elected, was appointed register of deeds in 1941 on the death of John H. Towers and served thru 1942, he was at various times a deputy sheriff, was village clerk when the village incorporated, he served on the county board from 1916 to 1917 when he resigned to become clerk of court, served again on the board in 1940 and in 1946 he was elected county board supervisor and served thru 1952. In later years he was justice of peace for Balsam Lake village before the establishment of the county's small claim court and heard many cases. He was a member of the draft board in both World Wars and was clerk of the draft board following WWII. He held offices in the county Republican party and was an active worker in it.



Building in which the
"Balsam Lake"
Ledger was first Published by H. A. Pease

Auction Report

On the cold last day of April in the Center of Balsam Lake was the auctioneer, the wagon full of dishes, knick-knacks, antiques, certificates and toys and collectables.

On the grounds stood furniture, A car, boat and tools. The secretaries inside the Lanesdale School kept the books, but where were the bidders? Seventy numbers were given out, it was a buyers market – but still we made money. Thank you everyone who donated toward this event. A net profit of \$6,000 was made. This \$6,000 turns into \$12,000 when we reach our \$100,000 goal. We are ½ way there!

Thank you,

Northside Grocery Store and Gas Station, Gen's Bait Shop, Subway, Kum and Go Gas, Holiday Gas, Lambert's Lumber, Chet Johnson's Drug, Equity, Outside In, Apple River T.V., Corey's Beauty, Isaacson's True Value, Cost Cutter, S & C Bank,

Riverplace Liquor, Dick's Grocery, Amery Bakery, Capelli Beauty Shop, Cut Above Beauty, Kessler Jeweler, Alibi Bar, TacTwo Bar, Club 53, Uncle Bob's Bar, A Touch of Life, Bremer Bank, Dairy Queen, Sav-A-Lot & Home Town Liquor, Hardee's, A&W, Ferrell Gas, Squash-A-Penny, Pizza Man, Making Waves Beauty Salon, Great American History Theater, Wild Mountain, Amery Free Press, Debbie Thompson, Therapist, Hwy. 8 Chiropractic, Wolf Creek Paperworks, Minn. Institute of Arts,

Minn. Twins Ball Team, Festival Theater, Minn. Historical Society, St. Paul Saints Baseball, St. Croix Casino, Minn. Vikings, Consolidated Lumber Co., Arrow Building, Science Museum, Green Bay Packers, Treasure Island, Loggers, June Lune,

Cardinal Shop, St. Croix Florist, Rivertown, Green Implement, Paradise, Chateau St. Croix Wine, and many, many people who gave and a special thanks to those who gave of themselves to make this a success. Thank you, Gary Hines, Darrell and Rosalie Kittleson!

Coming Events

Turtle Lake Casino
Hog Wild Anniversary
PCHS Display
Noon - 5 p.m.

We're looking for pigs for display and expect our delegates to dress accordingly - jeans rolled up!

Wal-Mart Brat Stand
July 2 & August 13

Work Days at Museum
Every Tuesday & Thursday
In May



In Front of the Toby House – Some Old Balsam Lake Residents

Gusta Manning, Mamie Husband, E. W. Overman, Mrs. C. S. Roberts, Nellie, Mrs. Ira Park, A. C. Tuttle, Mary Ann Freeman, Alva Park, Mrs. Caroline Manning, Sarah Toby, Thompson, John W. Park, Frank Wade, Ben Toby, sitting, C. S. Roberts, Esley Husband, John H. Tuttle, Aunt Lydia, Capt. Geo. P. Anderson, E. E. Husband, John Thompson, Ira H. Park, James Ely

POLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL BUS TOUR
ST. CROIX FALLS AREA

8:45 Bus leaves Amery Senior Center

9:10 Bus leaves Balsam Lake Museum

9:20 Bus leaves Centuria Convenience Stop

Rose Marie Vezina Braatz will narrate a tour of the Fine Old Homes and Buildings reflecting the History of St. Croix Falls

12:00 Dinner at Peace Lutheran Church

1:30 Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tour

3:30 Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard

Thank you to S \$ C Bank for helping make this trip possible.

Price: \$25.00 Make reservations with: Carl Johnson, 307 Riverside Blvd., Amery, WI 54001
Or Judy Wester, 901 8th St., Centuria, WI, 54824

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Polk County Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting
April 26, 2005 Polk County Justice Center, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin.

Directors Present: Carl Johnson, Phyllis Gabrielson, Merle Bergren, Ralph LaDuke, Jim Gisch,
Dianne Dueholm, President – Muriel Pfeifer and Director Rosalie Kittelson

Call to Order: President Muriel Pfeifer called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.

Secretary's Report: President Muriel Pfeifer noted changes in the March 22, 2005 minutes, as follows:

Thrivent Insurance members will have supplemental funds for the auction not matching funds.

Everyone had there name misspelled throughout the minutes, corrections noted.

President Muriel Pfeifer approved the minutes, none opposed.

Treasure's Report: Given by Lois Hoff

Rosalie Kittelson gave a report on the Endowment Fund - status of CD's

Rosalie Kittelson gave a report on the money market accounts, money transferred to American Funds, approved as read.

Director's Report:

Floor buckling:

- 1) Rosalie Kittelson has contacted two (2) contractors to bid on the floor in the Native American Room.
- 2) Debbie Peterson (Polk County) requested that Darrell Kittelson be present at the next Polk County Property Board meeting to present building maintenance and repairs.

Attic:

Bob Leerie will be giving a bid on the insulation for the attic.

Sidewalk:

Debbie Peterson (Polk County)/ Steve (contractor) The County had approved a bid for 2 years ago for repair; Rosalie Kittelson approached her on additional repairs and the increase of cost from the original bid. Debbie Peterson said that the museum will only be allotted the original \$2000. Steve will begin fixing the sidewalks next week.

Auction: Update by Rosalie Kittelson.

WITC Classes: Rosalie Kittelson has attended 2 classes.

Email Inquires: Thank you to Judy Wester for answering those inquires.

Thank you from Rosalie Kittelson to all who have helped with the auction so far. Many hours have gone into planning, preparation and the moving of items.

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Jim Gisch was in the Leader newsletter in recognition of his community volunteer activities. Congratulations Jim.

Newsletter report:

Muriel Pfeifer presented the possibility that the newsletter be sent out earlier than previously done.

Merle Bergren suggested that if the board members receive the newsletter earlier the minutes would not have to be read aloud by the secretary.

It was agreed that the newsletter should be submitted to the society earlier.

Correspondence:

Muriel Pfeifer read:

1) A thank you from Leona Cummings for honoring her with Polk County History Women of the year.

2) May 3rd the Art Barn is hosting an Artist Convocation. They requested members of the Historical society attend. It was discussed if in the future we would consider a cooperative project.

3) May 7th is the Osceola Train Ride hosted by the Osceola Historical Society.

4) St. Croix Casino Expo on May 23rd.

Carl Johnson and Ralph LaDuke said they would man a booth during the event.

5) Wisconsin Historical Society sent a survey requesting information our Electronic equipment used for archiving.

6) The Wisconsin Northwest Heritage Passage, an organization that promotes organization along Highway 63 sent a request if the Polk County Historical Society will like to be added to there web site (no cost).

Muriel asked if anyone would like to volunteer time to this organization. There is a membership option of \$75, no one felt that it necessary to join at this time.

7) Wisconsin Counsel of Local History sent a letter asking if we would like to host a consultation on preparing exhibits. They pick one Historical Society per region to host the 12 day seminar, inviting other local societies to participate. Rosalie Kittelson asked what the benefit would be, do we have time. She has a full load on agenda for the summer.

Dianne Dueholm thought it would be beneficial to participate.

Rosalie Kittelson said she would feel more comfortable being invited and not hosting at this time.

All agreed that we will not pursue this venture.

8) National Park Service is hosting a fine art event (sojourn) at the Osceola Boat Landing. Rosalie Kittelson suggested a booth and having school children dress in historical outfits. Requested the society donate the use of the outfits. No vote.

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Old Business:

Auction: Rosalie Kittelson said that volunteers will be needed early in the morning to help move items. Muriel Pfeifer agreed to man a booth at the auction.

Rosalie Kittelson discussed items donated by Mr. Richard Kohout; those items will be viewed at the meeting. He will also becoming a member.

Brat Stand: Nothing new to discuss.

Red Hat Tea: Nothing new to discuss.

By-law changes vote to be held at the May general meeting.

New Business:

1) Membership:

Judy Wester was asked by the Village of Balsam Lake to reproduce items (pictures) for their Centennial Celebration. She asked (via Rosalie) if she should sell the pictures she scanned at \$1 each. Judy Wester requested reimbursement for ink, etc. (supplies) it was discussed whether the society should charge for the pictures or provide them with a request for a donation. Dianne Dueholm suggested the Society adopt a policy as to the reproduction of pictures to all Villages.

Motion made by Phyllis Gabrielson to grant Judy Wester permission to reproduce (scan) pictures, 2nd by Lois Hoff, motion passed.

2) Program chairman Ted Zinn retired, Muriel Pfeifer asked if anyone would like to the society guest speaker programs. Lois Hoff said she would and Rosalie Kittelson would provide support.

3) Bus Tour is set for June 10th. Judy Wester will be presenting the cost of the bus. Rosalie Kittelson asked S & C Bank, Balsam Lake if they would help sponsor, they will give \$150 towards the venture.

4) Rosalie Kittelson presented the estimated cost of membership envelopes and stationery, as follows:

1) 1000 of each would be \$250 to \$300.

2) Paper Works in Amery prepared various styles and color combinations.

She will present different stationery tones and an exact price at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Phyllis Gabrielson at 7:00 P.M.

2nd by Carl Johnson.

Motion passed.

Jolene Jones has started a new community web-site and she is including our historical society. It is www.communityhotline.com

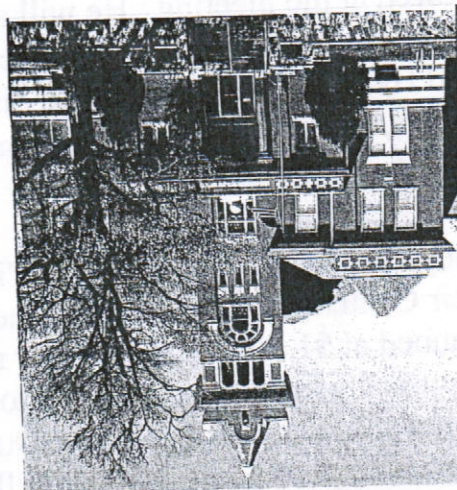
Go to it and click on "Balsam Lake", under informative links, Click on Museum, then across the top is Visiting, Tour, About us and History site. She is doing this pro bono and she plans on putting many more links to it and a virtual tour through the museum.

Thank her by emailing at info@jjarna.com

Clayton Public Library
413 3rd Avenue
Clayton, WI 54004

Library
Clayton School

221 Prentice St. S.



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P.O. Box 41
Balsam Lake, Wisconsin 54810

- ☐ Postage Due
- ☐ Returned For Better Address
- ☐ Box Closed - No Order
- ☐ No Mail Receiptable
- ☐ Vacant ☐ Illegible
- ☐ No Such Street ☐ Number
- ☒ Attempted - Not Known
- ☐ Unclaimed ☐ Refused
- ☐ Moved, Let No Address
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- ☐ Unable to Forward
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I would like to become a member
of the Polk County historical
Society:

Lifetime-----\$100
Yearly-----\$10
Student-----\$2

I would like to make a donation,
Please send me a receipt.

Name _____
Street _____
City _____
State _____
Email _____
Mail to Lois Hoff
P. O. Box 33, Balsam Lake, WI
54810