

Grand Opening a Sweet Surprise

Contributed By: Karla Ott, MHAHS Secretary, Fundraising Committee Chair, Donor Recognition Committee Member, Gardening & Landscaping Volunteer, Resident Pie Maker, etc. etc.

This volunteer waited for the Grand Opening. Would be people show up? Would they understand the layout with the modern connector building and its giant sculpture linking the historic buildings? How about the gift shop selection, the meeting room and the artifact storage spaces? What about the exhibits? Would they understand the time, the expense and the thought that goes into every artifact, every pedestal or case, every color and every word in an exhibit? Would they appreciate the virtual tour of the Little Norway building? Would they forgive us for not having the permanent exhibit complete?



People showed up in droves, some coming from far away. They marveled at John Pahlas' Driftless Sanctuary sculpture. They purchased marbles, trolls and Mount Horeb troll coloring books. They ate A LOT of ice cream; nearly 800 dishes, to be exact. They enjoyed the music outside and explored the first special exhibit inside. They tried out the virtual tour of the Little Norway building, their heads bobbing and moving side to side with looks of mild wonderment on their faces. They toured the in-progress permanent exhibit and anticipated coming back when it was complete. They asked about renting the Education Room.

They smiled and exclaimed, "This is really cool. We have this in Mount Horeb?" This Grand Opening, this homecoming of sorts for many, was an unexpected sweet surprise.

RIGHT: Visitors of all ages perused the new exhibits, including this one exploring the three properties (100-106 S 2nd) that now constitute the Driftless Historium. **BELOW:** Grand Opening guests happily consumed over 30 gallons of Troll Tracks, MHAHS's exclusive ice cream flavor.



Three bands on an outdoor stage entertained audiences (1st Brigade Band, Ladies Must Swing and Walker, Kluseman & Steil) with tunes that spanned the modern history of music.

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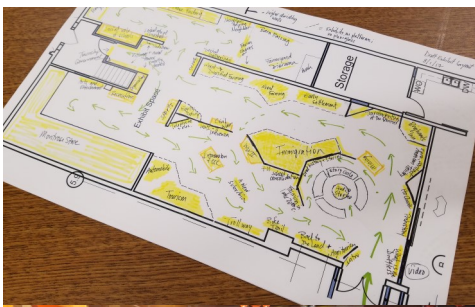
Are you inspired by the Historium and its beautiful inaugural special exhibit, *Creators, Collectors and Communities: Making Ethnic Identity Through Objects?*

We have opportunities that will allow YOU to help guarantee that the permanent exhibit will be just as inspirational and educational.

The exhibit team of researchers, writers, carpenters, graphic artists and painters is working diligently to complete the Historium's permanent exhibit. This longterm installation retains the much-loved Montrose Store vignette, but expands the story of Southwestern Dane County beyond the old exhibit in both subject matter and means of presentation.

MHAHS Announces 33 Opportunities to Sponsor Historium's Defining Permanent Exhibit

This exhibit begins with the creation of the unique Driftless topography and continues through the current era of tourism and community supported agriculture—yes, that's thousands of years of local history brought to life!



Hundreds of artifacts, including Debbie the Doll (who reportedly belonged to the first Yankee girl born in this region), a canister that held a day's water rations for an entire family on board an immigrant ship, a tool chest used in rebuilding Chicago after the fire of 1871 and a hand carved wooden tombstone that marked the final resting place of a 19th century lightning strike victim, will fill the exhibit with real human experiences. These experiences are made more compelling through the use of carefully selected technology and interactive components. Hear audio stories of citizens past and present in the story circle; type in a message on the telegraph and hear it interpreted in Morse code via a sounding board; and turn the crank on one of one of the area's first telephones.

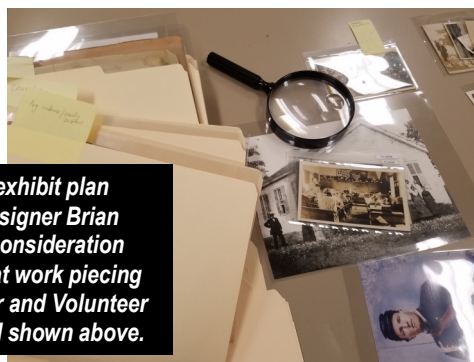


Intensive planning and preliminary construction began in the winter of 2016-2017 and will continue until the exhibit's spring 2018 opening.

You can reserve naming rights to one the three remaining historical vignettes: (1) the farmyard and rural community camaraderie, (2) cheese factories and the advent of the Dairy State, or (3) the railroad and telegraph station. A donation of \$20,000.00 will entitle you to a 3x5 engraved plaque on the vignette, and prominent listing on a special exhibit sponsor plaque.

Alternately, for a donation of \$5,000 you can be recognized on this plaque as one of only 30 such exhibit sponsors.

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Above, top down: Farmyard vignette; evolving exhibit plan sketch; Carpenter Dana Duppler and Exhibit Designer Brian Bigler discuss historic details; artifacts under consideration for display. Right: MHAHS Historians are hard at work piecing together the story of SW Dane County; Duppler and Volunteer Carpenter David Schmidt work on the farmyard shown above.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Meet Lois & Dave Schmidt!

Husband-wife duo Dave and Lois are fairly new to MHAHS—but we can't imagine how we got along before they stumbled upon us. Lois has proved to be invaluable in the museum store, both in representing us so professionally and amiably behind the counter and providing merchandise display advice and other retail assistance. Dave tells people he is retired, but we suspect Lois rather believes he just works here now instead—without the benefit of a paycheck. We are becoming quite dependent on his broad range of skill sets, always-pleasant demeanor and patience.

Write your own "job description" of what you do here at the Historium.

LOIS: I greet people coming into the museum, talking with them about what brought them in and pointing out our museum features. Oh—also selling as much as I can, especially ice cream!

DAVE: I was actively involved with dismantling the displays in the old museum. I have assisted in building new permanent displays and in setting up the exhibits in the special exhibits room. Other duties include constructing reproduction pieces for various displays, restoring, constructing benches and display cabinets, framing pictures, setting up offices and constructing shelving for artifact storage. I currently am a member of the Building & Grounds Committee.

How long have you volunteered for the Society?

LOIS: Started May 2016, just before remodel began. **DAVE:** I have volunteered for the museum since July 2016.

Who or what got you interested?

LOIS: Meeting my co-volunteers—what makes them tick—general chit-chat about their life.

DAVE: I have been retired for over 6 years. One of the most enjoyable aspects of retirement is the ability to establish your own priorities and commitments. Volunteering at the museum has afforded me the opportunity to establish my own hours while working both in my workshop at home and at the museum. Under the leadership of Brian Bigler, [Director] Destinee and [Curator] Johnna, I am assigned projects, provided direction and left to complete them as I see fit mostly on my timeline. Volunteering at the museum has resulted in meeting new people in the community and making new friends whom I may not have encountered in another setting.

I became interested in the museum at the encouragement of my wife, Lois. She invited me to attend one of John Pare's volunteer meetings where I learned there was an opportunity for me to contribute utilizing the skills I enjoy in my woodworking hobby. Volunteering at the museum was an excellent way to give back to the community of Mount Horeb while working on a project that bolsters community pride and is becoming a major attraction for both residents and out of town visitors. **(CONT. ON PG 9)**



MHAHS Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in becoming more involved with the Driftless Historium?

The Society has immediate openings within the Development Committee and Marketing Committee. Attend a meeting, with no obligation, to see what they do!

We are also actively seeking volunteers with the following skill sets: graphic design, digital publishing, online merchandising, data entry, and children's education/curriculum development.

And, of course, there is ongoing recruitment for front desk/visitor center assistance. In particular, there is a special need for Saturday and Sunday volunteer staff. As little as ONE 3.5 hour shift per month can really make a difference!

Want to learn more? Call (608) 437-6486 or email mthorebhistory@mhtc.net. Let's have a no-pressure, informal discussion about how our needs and your interests intersect!

The Mount Horeb Area Historical Society

100% of Profits from 2nd Annual Moonlight Gala to Benefit Mount Horeb Area Historical Society & Norsk Golf Club

Thrivent Community of Thrivent Financial-Mt Horeb is again throwing a swoonworthy bash at Barneveld's Deer Valley Lodge. Your \$45 individual ticket includes two drink tickets and heavy appetizers. A \$650 reserved table for 8 to 10 also includes exclusive table service, specialty drink options, and tickets to an exclusive VIP raffle item. The evening will begin with a cocktail reception where guests will have a chance to mingle, and bid on an array of unique silent auction, live auction, and raffle offerings. The reception will be followed by an evening of mingling, food, drinks and dancing to the sounds of the Brian Whitty Group.

To purchase tickets today visit Eventbrite.com and search for "Mount Horeb Moonlight Gala," or mail the enclosed flyer.

November 3, 2017
7pm to 11pm



Last year's Gala brought out the most fashionable folks in town, including MHAHS Board member Karla Ott and Super Volunteer Teresa Barry.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT (CONT. FROM PG 8)

Tell us about your family.

LOIS: Dave and I moved here—move #9, six years ago. It's just Dave and I, married 42 years, raising two amazing daughters age 37 and 35. The best part of our family has got to be the two granddaughters, age 3 and 6!! We're excited about #3 arriving soon! (No volunteering for the month of October!)

DAVE: My wife Lois and I met at a summer job while going to college at the Birchwood Lumber and Veneer factory in Birchwood, WI. We married about a year after graduating from college and have been together for over 42 years. We have two daughters, Suzanne in Oakland, CA, Alice in Arlington, VA., two exceptional son-in-laws, two granddaughters and a third granddaughter due to arrive at the end of October. Suzanne has a doctorate degree in English literature and currently teaches at St. Mary's College in Moraga, CA along with being the wife of Mike and the mother of our two granddaughters. Alice is currently in her fourth year of medical school at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She was a member of the USA's women's track team competing in the 800 meters at the Beijing and London Olympics. She and her husband James are looking forward to the new challenges of becoming parents for the first time. My 90-year-old father stills lives at home in Ladysmith, WI where I grew up.

Tell us about your education and vocational background.

LOIS: Eight years at "Our Lady of Lourdes" in Dobie, WI, taught by The School Sisters of Notre Dame. High school at Rice Lake High in Rice Lake, WI. College at UW-Stout in Menomonie, WI resulting in Fashion Merchandising degree.

DAVE: I graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire with a BS in Political Science. I began work for the Chicago and North Western Railroad in 1974. The Military Ridge Trail was built on an old C&NW right of way. In 1995, we merged with the Union Pacific Railroad, moved to Omaha, NE and completed my 37-year railroad career in 2011. My railroad career was spent working in the Mechanical Department where I managed the inspection and repair of freight cars.

Why is the Mount Horeb area the best place on Earth?

LOIS: It is the best because it is always changing, not stagnant! It is exciting to be part of so many interesting improvements happening in our village.

DAVE: After retirement Lois and I wanted to move back to our roots in Wisconsin closer to family. We looked at many areas of the state including northern Wisconsin along with the Green Bay and Madison areas. We found Mount Horeb by chance and were drawn by its vibrant, defined downtown that maintains its small-town atmosphere. We find the residents and leaders of Mount Horeb dedicated to making our community a safe place to live and raise a family. Today in addition to my volunteer work at the museum I serve on the Town of Springdale Plan Commission, play in the Tuesday night men's golf league at our local Norsk golf course and enjoy taking yoga classes with Marca Hughes,

I want to thank the many donors and unnamed volunteers for making the Historium a first-class museum and community center that many towns much larger in size would be proud of.

Dave and Lois are also a great example of a married couple who are able to both volunteer for the same entity, yet find their own niche and retain completely separate volunteer spheres. Already volunteer? Consider introducing MHAHS to your spouse, family member or other friends.



History Mystery: SPECIAL EDITION

By Volunteer Photograph Curator Nancy Thousand

If you have a subscription to or occasionally pick up a copy of the *Mount Horeb Mail*, you might be a fan of the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society's "History Mystery" feature. For this popular column, Nancy Thousand scours the 25,000+ photographs in the MHAHS collection to find intriguing photographs that lack identification. We then share these photos with the *Mail's* readership in hopes of gathering information for our records.

In this special edition of History Mystery, Nancy brings you a double feature—by not only trying presenting you with a Mystery Photo, but also explaining one method to date photos.

The photo is of an unknown local family, likely taken around 1891 and 1892. How do we know the date?

There are a number of ways to date photos. Style of clothes can indicate the era in which the photo was taken. Type of photo is another; as photographic techniques evolved, the size and look of the print changed. This week's photo is a Cabinet Card. It is a photo on thin paper mounted on a stiff cardstock and measures about 4.25x6.5 inches. They came out in 1866 and were very popular until the late 1890s, when other formats started coming out. They faded out of use by 1910. (Cont. on page 11.)

MHAHS Annual Meeting to Feature West Virginia Historian of the Civil War

The Mount Horeb Area Historical Society will hold its annual membership meeting on Sunday, October 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the Driftless Historium. Following the business meeting, the featured speaker will take the stage. This year, the Society is proud to host Antietam National Battlefield Interpretive Guide and Historian Sharon Murray of West Virginia, who will present "A Friendship Forged in Battle: John Gibbon, the Iron Brigade and Battery B at Antietam and Beyond."

Sharon Murray is a native Idahoan with multiple degrees in mining engineering and history. After a career of working in mines and in state government managing mineral leasing and mined land reclamation programs, Murray rediscovered her passion for the past after a 2003 trip to Antietam and Gettysburg. Upon retiring in 2009, she made the decision to move east to pursue her growing passion for Civil War history. After settling into West Virginia, Sharon commenced volunteering at Antietam National Battlefield and adjacent Antietam National Cemetery, and became a certified guide in 2014.

Somewhere along the way, Sharon developed an interest in Gen. John Gibbon, Battery B 4th US and the Iron Brigade, all of whom played a significant role at Antietam. In her presentation, she will provide a short history of each entity, how they became interconnected, their engagement at Antietam where the Iron Brigade was under John Gibbon's command and where Battery B was attached to the Iron Brigade to provide artillery support, and, finally, an overview of their continued connection after the Civil War.

Ms. Murray's welcome addition to the Annual Meeting is made possible by MHAHS supporter Andrew Burkart. The public is welcome, with refreshments offered to all guests. For more information, call 608-437-6486.



Murray in her living history role as a member of Battery B 4th US Artillery.

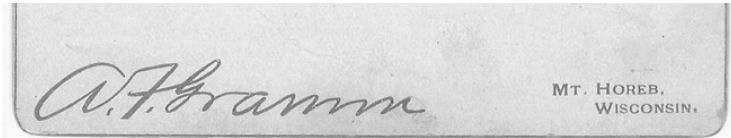
(Cont. from page 10)

Another method of dating is by the photographer's mark. Sometimes the marks are on the back and sometimes on the front. This particular photo has a very fancy "Gramm, Mt Horeb Wis." mark on the front. A little research revealed that A.F. Gramm came to Wisconsin about 1880 and ran a portrait studio business in Mt Horeb from about 1884 until his death in 1925. We have many of his photos in our collection, most are cabinet cards with labels on the front. This is the method we used to date our mystery photo.

Lucky for us Mr. Gramm liked to keep up with fashion and changed the look of his mark frequently. Prior to 1895 the mark was printed on the card. After 1895 the mark was impressed into the card (if you touch it, you can feel an indentation). Now we come to where you history detectives can help us. Focusing just on the cabinet cards with printed marks (1884 – 1895), we looked through our collection of Gramm photos for ones we could accurately date and checked what the mark looked like. We have a rough range for most marks but could use more data to pin down the dates. If you have Gramm photos in your family album that are or can be accurately dated, we would like to hear from you. Check the back to see if someone wrote down the date. Otherwise, look for photos that may be easily dated, such as a wedding, confirmations or baby pictures. In the key to the right, we have included pictures of the marks on cabinet cards (at least the ones that we know about) and the approximate dates.

If we can firmly establish the dates of these marks, we can closely date all Gramm photos. This could help identify more people in these photos. If you recognize the family in the Mystery Photo or can help us with our Gramm photo dating project, contact the Society at 608-437-6486 or email mthorebmysteryphoto@gmail.com.

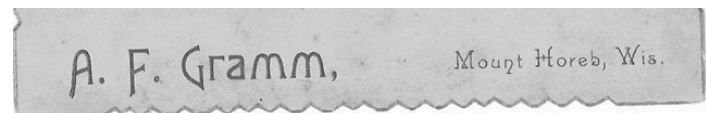
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PHOTOGRAPHER'S MARK KEY
1884-1894**



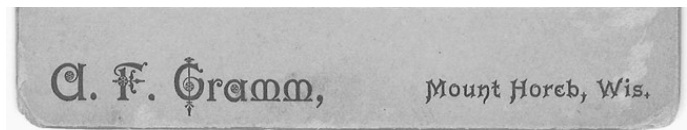
MHAHS collection contains multiple dated photos with this label in the range of 1883 to 1884. There are quite a few with this label so it may have been used longer. The lettering is metallic gold on a white background (cardstock)



Photo dated to 1888 with this label. Letters are blue-green on white background



Several photos with this label dated in range of 1888 to 1889. Letters are brown on a white background. The edges of the cardstock are jagged.



Related photos dated to between 1889 and 1890. Letters are black on a white background.



Multiple photos with this label date in the range of 1891 to 1892. Most are metallic gold lettering on light yellow background. There may be variations in color of lettering and background.



On several 1892 photos. There are quite a few photos with this label, so it was likely used for a few more years. Most are red lettering on white background but some are metallic gold lettering on white.

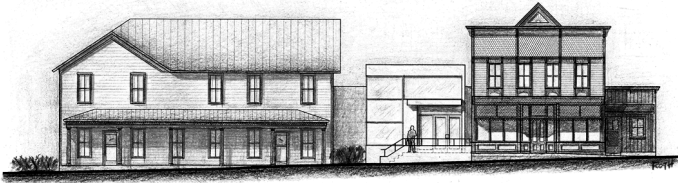


No dated photos with this label. It has metallic gold letters on dark green cardstock and the edges of the cardstock are red.

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All take place at Driftless Historium and are free, unless otherwise noted. See Facebook or website for further information, or call (608) 437-6486.

OCTOBER

- 12 (4:00-8:00p.m.)**
"Witches Night Out"
Gift Shop Special Hours & Sales
- 14 (9:00-10:30a.m.)**
Felting 101 for Kids
\$15/per child, Max of 15 participants.
Call to reserve
- 15 (2:00p.m.)**
MHAHS Annual Meeting
Fea. Civil War Speaker
All welcome.
- 16 (6:30p.m.)**
Taboo Topics #4
"Human Trafficking in WI"
- 23 (6:30p.m.)**
Taboo Topics #5
"Paradox of Being a Black Police Officer Today"
- 27 (6:00-9:00p.m.)**
"Trick or Treat the Street"
Goodies for Costumed Kiddos!

Sept. 23's
"Art & Crats"
event featured a
"Canimals"
[Can Animals]
activity station
and, let us tell
you, those
kids made metal
come alive!

28 (1:00-3:00p.m.)
Friends of Stewart Park
"Walk and Talk"
Geology & Prehistory of Stewart Park

NOVEMBER

- 3 (7:00-11:00p.m.)**
2nd Annual Mount Horeb Moonlight Gala
@ Deer Valley Lodge
\$45/person, \$550-650/table for 8 or 10
100% of proceeds split between MHAHS
& Norsk Golf Club
- 7 - December 16**
Mount Horeb High School Art Show
in Kalscheur Community Education Room
Viewable during open hours

