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NEXT REGULAR MEETING/PROGRAM

WED., OCTOBER 12, 6:00 P. M., AT THE HAWTHORNE TOWN HALL

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BEGIN WITH A POT LUCK LUNCH, FOLLOWED BY OUR SPEAKER, ARCHAEOLOGIST, BRIAN KLAWITER. Brian's topic is the very timely: "Restoration of Log Structures."

Brian writes. "As for my Heritage Resources background, that would consist of six years working as an archaeologist (or archaeological technician) for the Superior National Forest. Historic structure work was one of the 'lesser' duties of my job at the Superior. When [recently] asked ... for a job title ..., I suggested that "Heritage Resource Specialist" is probably the best fit.

After a short break we will hold our business meeting.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! PLEASE BRING A FRIEND.

Thanks to the Town of Hawthorne for the use of their hall, to the Westers for making arrangements, and to all members who bring refreshments to share.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings to All,

At our annual meeting we regained the services of two veterans to our board, Hope Swenson and Alice Christensen. We thank them for their willingness to serve on the Board again. Both have continued to be very active after their earlier terms. Also, we have lost Eddie Walman due to our two term-limit policy. Eddie has been extremely valuable to our Board, and contributed his solid judgment to many of our enterprises, especially the Davidson Windmill. He continues to work actively in the preparation of the Eskolin log building move. Thanks go out to Eddie, and to Janine Seis who stepped down after two years. We will miss her energy, and hope she'll be willing to serve once again after her job transition is behind her. We thank Earl Granroth for stepping forward and accepting the 1st V.P. role.

Jim Pellman has convinced me to stay on for awhile despite my need and desire to spend more time with my family, and my own work commitments. My own job prospects need my attention with my work site up for sale. While still on the Board I will attempt to secure more funds from ConocoPhillips which has been very generous to us as we continue to improve the Windmill site.

We lost another member, just today, in the passing of LaVerne Wiinamäki LaPole. LaVerne has been a loyal Archives Committee member, and was one of our founding members. Our sympathy goes out to our members, Bud and Norman, and to the rest of LaVerne's family and to her many friends.

Progress at the windmill continues, with Essen Concrete waiting to pour the foundation and slab for the lean-to after the main building is in position. We do hope to at least get that building onto the grounds before next week end. We were forced to take down the roof structure due to the height limits, although much of that was slated to be rebuilt. Anyway, it is still going to be a great achievement seeing the house resting on the windmill grounds during our bake sale during the Bayfield Apple Festival coming this weekend, if the Grube's have time to move it. There will still be quite a bit of work replacing rotted bottom logs, cutting shingles and installing them after replacing the roof. Our thanks to the Tutors, and to Jack and Marilyn Pank for all of their hard work on sawing cedar shingles as well.

Sincerely,

Paul

p.s. Congratulations to Mike Granlund for his part in successful efforts to keep 26 grain inspection jobs in the Twin Ports.

FROM THE EDITOR:

The incredible national events since the last newsletter of two months ago seem to dwarf the significance of the activities of our humble organization. Two hurricanes, Katrina and Rita, have forever altered life in the northern Gulf Coast region. The aftermath, a political firestorm over the failure of government at some level, Federal, state or local, to prepare for this type of catastrophe and to respond to it, has been tempered by the outpouring of charitable giving from the rest of the nation. I of course would argue that this latter response is the more significant because it is politically spontaneous. People have been moved by the suffering of victims and have been freely giving of their own resources and skills. The matrix for this giving is the vast array of small local communities, like our own, which nurture the attitudes and quality of life, that make us capable of individual acts of charity. The spirit of giving rises locally, personally. Cold systems of giving, the vast voluntary charitable organizations and institutions, are empty shells without this life blood of private charity.

An all volunteer, non-profit group, like Old-Brule Heritage Society, is part of this local nurturing process. Our charge, to preserve and share the history and heritage of the Old-Brule region, as it is carried out, naturally brings to mind the highest values that have sustained our community lives over the years. In countless thousands of small American communities other groups duplicate our efforts in reminding their growing and changing local populations of the forces for good beginning in the small and the local, person by person, small group by small group.

- Jim Pellman

2005 BRULE HISTORY PHOTO CALENDAR AVAILABLE.

The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, has produced its eighth calendar with more pictures of Brule's past. Proceeds of their annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, will be used for the publication of the history of Brule, hopefully to be completed this year. This is their final calendar.

To order a calendar by mail, please write or call Janet Follis, P. O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820 (715) 372-4948 (\$7.50 postpaid), or pick them up locally for \$6 from a BHRG member or at Twin Gables, Lori's Store, River House and Round Up North. An e-mail address: knmo@baysat.net.

OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE O-BHS NEWS ARE THOSE OF THE WRITERS ALONE AND ARE NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT OFFICIAL POSITIONS OF THE O-BHS ORGANIZATION.

ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The group would welcome other volunteers to help us in this important part of the O-BHS mission. Our current project is learning to use the computer in support of our work, scanning documents and photos, storing records and creating data bases. Our thanks to our loyal committee members and contributors, and to the Town of Maple for archive space. If you enjoy exacting work please join us at 1 p.m. at the Pellmans' some Monday afternoon. Next meeting: October 10, 2005. Please call 363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

**(UNAPPROVED) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OLD- BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
AUGUST 10, 2005, BENNETT TOWN HALL**

Attendance: 25 members and guests

Time: 6:00 p.m.

The O-BHS group met at the Bennett Town Hall at 6:00 and car-pooled to the home of Ken and Gemma Coleman on North Bennett Road to tour their round barn and see their Belgian horses and other horses. They provided us with wine and cheese at the Town Hall following the tour. Mr. Coleman spoke to us about the barn and his horses.

BUSINESS MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Paul Colby.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2005 regular and July 13, 2005 Board meetings was made by Minerva Johnson, seconded by Karin Colby. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: (As of July 13, 2005)

Checking Account Balance \$1245.94
Mill Fund Balance \$6597.63
Roofing Fund \$ 535.00
Midsummer net profit \$1477.97

Book Sales : 432 sold through July 13.

Kerry Drew is auditing the books and will have them completed by Sept. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Earl Granroth, seconded by Irene Parenteau. Motion carried. Paul had bills from Scott Essen for the concrete foundation for the log house in the amount of \$1509.00 and a bill for sand from Grubes.

OLD BUSINESS:

DAVIDSON MILL: Paul Colby reported on progress with the foundation at the mill. Mr. Essen will do the apron at no cost after the house is moved. We discussed who is responsible for the permits. The Town of Lakeside has culverts that they will donate for repair of the failing culvert near the log house site. Jack Pank reported on the shingle sawing that Gerald Tutor has done. More need to be sawn. Mr. Tutor will save the shingles he saws at shows for use at the Mill. Paul talked about an idea brought up at the Board meeting about recognizing people who have donated time and/or money towards the cabin installation or work at the Millsite. No action taken. Paul reported that Conoco Philips has given a new grant in the amount of \$1500 for landscaping and \$1500 for repair of the log building. The Town of Lakeside also received a \$500 grant for the planning of their centennial next year. Eddie Walman reported on the status of the log house moving.

FUNDRAISING: Nan Wisherd has been contacted regarding getting 15 more of her books to sell. Paul reported on an idea brought up at the Board meeting of having a collection box at the Mill and a box like realtors use to have brochures in. No action taken.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE. The committee meets biweekly at the Pellman home on every other Monday at 1 p.m.. Additional volunteers are needed. Earl Granroth reported on work done at the last meeting on Corner School reunion pictures. Meetings could also be held at night for people who cannot come to daytime meetings. Next meeting August 22.

WEBSITE: Earl Granroth has talked to Robin Berglund about the website. He needs someone to help with information to be included.

PUBLICITY: Audrey Hakkila is publicizing upcoming meetings as soon as she has information on them. The new brochures are out at State tourism locations and the Bong Center.

PUBLICATIONS: The Heritage Map Committee met at the Pellman home on July 16 and they got a start on plans for the map. Jim will check on prices to print them. Lois Pollari's family would like a chance to provide an estimate for printing. Another meeting will be scheduled.

MEMBERSHIP: We now have 104 individual members. We discussed how to notify people who are in arrears with dues. A plaque recognizing LaVerne LaPole for her service will be purchased.

POLLARI MEMORIAL GIFT: We are still waiting to hear from the NWHS administration regarding this.

DAVID MAKI RESEARCH GRANT: The grant application was denied. He will apply elsewhere or reapply to the WI Humanities Council.

CENTENNIAL FARMS: No new candidates.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: October 12 at 6 p.m. Possibly to be held at the Hawthorne Town Hall. Harry Wester will check on availability. If not available, it may be held at the Brule Town Hall.

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting will be held at the DCHS at 11th and John Ave. on Sat. Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. One new board member will need to be elected to replace Eddie Walman. Other Board members with their first terms expiring will need to be contacted: Janine Seis, Harry Wester, and Paul Williams. Alice Christensen is chair of the nominating committee. The program will be a tour of the Vasa Lodge building and possibly a talk from Ron Mershart.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion to pay Gerald Tutor for the fuel expenses for sawing the shingles was made by Earl Granroth, seconded by Eddie Walman. Motion carried.

OTHER: Discussed having a bake sale at the Mill on Sat. on Apple Festival weekend again. Possibly a white elephant sale too. Will discuss further at the annual meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: A letter from the Town of Lakeside was received approving the relocation of the cabin the Millsite. Land Use Permit 10057, Parc. LA-018-00412-02.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Irene Parenteau, seconded by Earl Granroth, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Gronquist

**(UNAPPROVED) ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
OLD- BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
SEPTEMBER 18, 2005, DCHS, VASA LODGE, SUPERIOR, WI.**

Attendance: 23 members and guests

Time: 1:25 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Paul Colby. He thanked the Douglas County Historical Society for the use of their facility and setup for the meeting.

A moment of silence was held for members and friends lost over the years, for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and for those serving in the military.

PROGRAM: Dr. Ron Mershart spoke on the history of his genes going back 60,000 years through a research project that he is involved in through the internet.

A break was taken for a potluck lunch provided by members attending.

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES: A motion to approve the corrected minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting was made by Janine Seis, seconded by Irene Parenteau. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: (As of Sept. 17, 2005)

Mill Fund Balance	\$ 8,428.12
Gen Fund Balance	\$ 1,428.47
Total	\$9,856.59

A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Earl Granroth, seconded by Hope Swenson. Motion carried. Shirley Kankas Rouleau reported that she has made up a projected budget which will be printed in the newsletter. She also reported that an audit has been completed of the Society's books by Kerry Drew as of July 31, 2005, and they were found to be in order. Shirley was congratulated on a job well done. The computer program that was ordered for bookkeeping was returned, as the auditor recommended that a paper trail is a better idea. 458 books have been sold to date, with some out on consignment. Dues income is lower than last year's amount collected.

OLD BUSINESS:

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEARS' ACTIVITIES; Jim reported that our meetings have been held in the even numbered months, with Board meetings held in the odd numbered months.

DAVIDSON MILL: Paul reported on progress with jacking up the log house to prepare it for the move to the Millsite. Jim Pellman, Eddie Walman, Paul Colby, Harry Wester and John Autio have been working on the project. Pat Grube has offered to move it for \$500. They hope to have it moved by Apple Festival weekend. The bill for the dozer work done by Del Carlson is \$1,020 to be paid to Grube Trucking. More cedar logs are needed for shingles being sawed by Gerald Tutor. The Apple Festival is the second weekend of October so the Mill open house will be that weekend (7, 8 and 9).

BOOK PUBLISHING: 458 books have been sold with some on consignment. We hope to sell books via the internet. 329 books sold since last annual meeting. Two full boxes left in Archives room.

ARCHIVES: Committee has been busy meeting every other week. Have information in the computer. Typists are needed. Other help is needed too for the Archives committee. Mae Johnson has provided a copy of the history of Rockmont to archives. Can be checked out.

FUNDRAISING: A grant in the amount of \$3500 has been received from Conoco-Philips thanks to Paul Colby's work. The Younkers coupons took in \$550 last year. Shirley will check into it for this year and call for volunteers to sell the coupons. A donation of 95 11x14 prints of a painting of the Windmill by Lloyd Kindel was made by his daughter, Kathy Kindel. They will be added to our merchandise for sale. A price of \$10 was suggested. Mary Ann will send Kathy a thank you.

WEB SITE: Jim has met someone who is a webmaster by the name of Jeff Quinn who offered to set up the website at no cost to us.

BRULE HISTORY RESEARCH GROUP: The group hopes to have their book published yet this year. They will submit their collected materials to the archives when they are through with them.

ELECTION: Two nominees were named to replace Eddie Walman and Janine Seis. They are Alice Christensen and Hope Swenson. Harry Wester and Paul Williams each had agreed to serve an additional two year term. Irene Parenteau moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Seconded by Janine Seis. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIPS: Membership dues are due now, as well as time sheets. New time sheets were given out. Recognition was given to Paul Colby for 298 ½ hours, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau for 193 hours, and Audrey Hakkila for 131 hours of volunteering for O-BHS.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim reported on the meeting of the Northwest Regional Convention of the Wisconsin Council for Local History which he attended. He announced that Tom McKay of the Local History Office would be retiring in October. His position will be eliminated. Jim gave a copy of our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, to Tom. Debbie Kemnitz will be doing a workshop on archive preservation at DCHS. Other historical groups will be invited.

SCHOLARSHIP: A motion to provide funding for the 2005-6 \$200 scholarship at Northwestern High School was made by Audrey Hakkila, seconded by Delores Pellman. Motion carried. Secretary to inform guidance office.

WINDMILL APPLE FESTIVAL OPEN HOUSE: Open house will be from 4:00 to 7:00 on Friday, Oct. 7; 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sat. Oct. 8; and 12:00 to 4:00 on Sunday, Oct. 9. Shirley will rent the Mr. Biffy. There will be a bake sale and a white elephant sale. No clothing. Articles for the white elephant sale should be priced. Shirley will price the baked goods. Bake sale and white elephant sale will be Saturday and Sunday if there are goods left. Tent will be set up at 9:00 Saturday morning.

NEXT MEETING: October 12, 2005 at the Hawthorne Town Hall, 6:00 p.m. No speaker lined up as yet.

OTHER:

1. Thank yous were received from the families of Bob Gardner and Ernie Ronn for sympathy cards received. A motion to make a gift of \$50 to the DCHS was made by Janine Seis, seconded by Hope Swenson. Motion carried.

2. Jim Pellman made a motion to place an ad in *The Connection* (not to exceed \$25) advertising our book. Seconded by Earl Granroth. Motion carried.

3. Janine offered to sell our book on E-Bay. Jim made a motion to consign as needed books to Janine to sell on E-Bay at a list price of \$20, amended to \$22 to cover E-Bay costs. Seconded by Earl Granroth. Motion carried.

4. Hope Swenson mentioned that the old Poplar School has been sold which contains the Bong Memorial room. It is not known where this memorabilia will be moved to. She also announced upcoming events at the Bong Center in Superior.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Barb Granroth, seconded by Hildegard Carlson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. DCHS President, Bob LaBounty gave a tour of the DCHS holdings after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Gronquist

**(UNAPPROVED) MINUTES BOARD MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2005
VASA LODGE, DCHS, SUPERIOR, WI**

Present: Paul Colby, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau, Jim Pellman, Earl Granroth, Hope Swenson and Mary Ann Gronquist.
BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting called to order by Paul Colby at 4:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ELECTION: Two new members were elected to the Board at the Annual Meeting – Alice Christensen and Hope Swenson, replacing Eddie Walman and Janine Seis. Jim Pellman nominated Earl Granroth as First Vice President. Agreed by acclamation. Jim also moved that the remaining Board officers members stay the same, seconded by Earl. Motion carried.

2. NEXT MEETING: The next Board meeting will be November 9, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. Place not decided.

3. CHANGE OF MEETING DATE: There was a discussion about changing the month of the Annual Meeting due to conflicts with other meetings in September. Jim moved to change the Annual Meeting to August, seconded by Shirley. Motion carried. This will require a bylaw change and 30 days notice is necessary to make a change. This will be presented at the next regular meeting and will be voted on in December.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Earl Granroth, seconded by Paul Colby. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Gronquist

NEW OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY BOARD MEMBER STATUS (dates after names = start dates of terms)

President, Paul Colby, Lakeside, 2002, 2004; 1st V.P., Earl Granroth, Lakeside, 2004; 2nd V. P., Harry Wester, Bennett, 2003, 2005; Secretary, Mary Ann Gronquist, Parkland, 2002, 2004; Treasurer, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau, Lake Nebagamon, 2002, 2004; Robert Aho, Duluth, 2002, 2004; Alice Christensen, Amnicon, 2005; Marion Christensen, Superior, 2004; Karin Colby, Maple, 2004; Irene Parenteau-alternate, Superior, 2004; Hope Swenson, Lakeside, 2005; Paul Williams, Lakeside, 2003, 2005; Jim Pellman-emeritus, Maple.

FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps and tee shirts and sweat shirts for sale. Magnets are going for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our general fund. The Windmill mugs are \$8.00, caps, \$9.00, and tee shirts, any size, \$10, all proceeds going into the Windmill Fund. Sweat shirts, any size are \$25.00, taxes included.

Available also are copies of a David Noah Seis photograph of the mill for sale. This image comes in three sizes: 4 by 5 inches, 5 by 7 inches, and 8 ½ by 11 inches. The smaller reproductions can also be used as post cards as each has a brief historical description on half of its reverse side. Prices are \$1.00, \$2.00 and the largest one which has no printing on it \$3.00. All are laser reproductions on card stock suitable for framing. This same image is available in our magnet series.

Our new book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's *Pathways* are available for \$20.00 a copy + \$3.00 shipping. Wisconsin tax is included in all our prices. Shipping and handling for mugs, caps and tee shirts is a \$4.00 minimum. All items are available for purchase at our meetings or by contacting an O-BHS member.

Area History:

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Another excerpt (from pages 61-64) from our recent book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, ©2004, 2005.

THE TOWN OF LAKESIDE by Paul Colby [Part I]

From the beginning mostly Scandinavians and Finns settled between the Northern Pacific Railroad and Lake Superior, which region would later form a continuous farming settlement from Lakeside to Brule, and extend on into Oulu in Bayfield County. A few of the first homesteaders, within the future boundaries of Lakeside, were Isaac Rautio, Andrew Koukkula and Johan Peter Heikkurainen, all in Section 6-T48-R11. Isaac and Andrew came to America from Lumijoki, Finland, and Johan Peter immigrated from the Tornio River. In about 1883 they sailed from Duluth to the mouth of the Poplar River and went inland to search out their homesteads. The ground on which they anchored their eager feet was not yet called Lakeside, but was in the early Town of Superior. They built a teepee-like shelter of balsam boughs, which they used until they finished the construction of their hand hewn saunas. They resided in the saunas until completion of their log houses using broad axes. Later, while homesteading, in April of 1887, the land they were arduously working became part of the Town of Brule.

About three miles farther east in Section 8 T48-R12, near the Amnicon River, was Erick (Himanko) Hanson, who emigrated from Kalajoki, Finland in 1881. He first resided on Connor's Point in Superior, Wisconsin, where his son August was born on August 4, 1882. Erick and Greta's homestead deed was signed on April 9, 1892. Erick would travel to Itasca once a week to pick up and then deliver mail to the locals. On the west side of the Amnicon River was windmill builder (1904) Jacob (Tapola) Davidson, who filed for his homestead in 1886. He migrated to this region from Canada, coming initially from Lappajärvi. Farmers traveled up to twenty-five miles over primitive roads to have their grain ground into meal and flour. Erick Hanson, one time Lakeside town treasurer, and Jacob Davidson worked for the county on roads and bridges.

In southern Lakeside was Isak Lake (*Ruuhijärvi*), who emigrated from Turtola in the Tornio River Valley, northern Finland, in 1873. He came with his family from Dassell, Minnesota in 1890. His homestead deed was recorded on April, 1891. Isak baptized children in the area (as did his brother John in Superior) and served as Constable for Lakeside. Their son, John W., became a local political leader and legal advisor to Lakeside. Eastward in Section 10 were Dan Kennedy, Paul Larson and Samuel Kangas. The latter two served as witnesses on August 30, 1890, for Thomas Peterson's claim.

John Pearson (1887) and John A. Pietari (1890) resided east of Isak Lake, both in Section 20 T48-R11, and had emigrated from Ylitornio. Matti Harju also came about 1895. To their north was Erik Peura-Saari (1895), and Jacob Saari (1897), who sold twenty acres to Konsta Hokkala in 1900. Konsta emigrated from Finland in 1890 and was a veteran of the Russo-Turkish War. Just north was Silas P. Oakes. His wife, Christina, had emigrated from Norway. Silas was Town Chairman in 1912. Further north and east in Section 9 were Robert and Mary Heikki, who immigrated to America in 1891 from Alkkula. Their homestead title cleared in 1894.

On the west side of the Middle River were Mattias Hendrickson (*Jokitalo*) and Mikkel Gustafson, both from Sievi, Finland, and miner, Joseph Huck. Mattias and Mikkel received patents on their homesteads on April 16, 1892. Farther north in Section 2 near Lake Superior, were Thomas Peterson and Henry Knuutila, who emigrated from Tyrnävä. He had been a teacher in Finland and advised many Finns on educational and land issues. His homestead title was granted on November 9, 1891. He later left the Lakeside area and moved to Cromwell, Minnesota, where he built a house about 1896. A hand dug well, with timber cribbing, from Knuutila's homestead, remains west of the writer's current home in Lakeside. The writer marked

the well about fifteen years ago while hunting when he discovered it and realized how deep it was. Some men lost their lives digging these wells. In 1914 Erick Erickson (Bertel) was overcome by lack of oxygen 112 feet down. Erick had been a gold miner in Colorado and had emigrated to America in 1893 from Vaasa, Finland.

On December 1, 1891 the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Omaha Railroad transferred by warranty deed its land grant sections in Douglas County to Frederick Weyerhaeuser and the Nebagamon Lumber Company. Weyerhaeuser logged the sections and then sold them to settlers who would, over time, remove the large stumps in order to farm the area. Some settlers used dynamite which led to some mishaps.

In 1895, Fredrick Berglund emigrated to Worcester, Massachusetts from Vasa, Finland. His nationality was Finnish, but like many, he spoke Swedish (a Swede-Finn). He came to Duluth in 1898 and his family arrived on the Middle River in 1898. In 1899 Fredrick paid five hundred dollars for one hundred and twenty acres at this site then located in the Town of Brule. He purchased the land from Oscar and Annie Isaacson, who then moved to Cromwell, Minnesota. This was the beginning of a small colony of Swede-Finns that converged near the Middle River through the 1930s. They organized a religious fellowship and brought tranquility and agriculture to an area where "ruffians once gambled around the lumber camps." Even a shooting had been reported during a card game in the log cabin where Gus Runquist, one of these new settlers, would later establish his home. [To be continued.]

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Notices:

THANK YOU'S & RECOGNITIONS:

To Member **Mike Doherty** of Portland, OR, for laser copies of **Edward George Doherty's** Maple Post Office Commissioning document dated 23 March 1899. In his letter Mike also reports his family has now found record of Francis Doherty's transit via ship *Ranger* from Londonderry to New Brunswick in 1834. To **Dr. Martin K. Nurmi** of Kent, OH, formerly of Lakeside, for his very informative letter, & very positive review of our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*. To **Ms. Linda E. Weatherford** of Paramount, CA for photos and info re the **Victor Tikkanen** family, formerly of Lakeside. For the many memorial gifts in the name of **Martha Hokkala Ristola** who died August 2 at 102. Thanks especially to granddaughter **Catharine Ristola Bass** of Holland, MI.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Members **Delores Pellman, Lora & Lee Olson** on the birth of great-grandson and grandson **Phoenix Lee Olson**, in Portland, OR, son of Luke and Chelsea Olson. Chelsea's parents came from Australia to be of help.

ENCOURAGEMENTS:

To Member **Jack Gronquist** who is now mending back at home. To Member **Lois Pollari & Les Krumm** as they face health concerns. To Members **Arnold and Doris Perala** as they face health issues. To **Richard Guhl and his wife Ruth** as he seeks restored health.

BEST WISHES:

To Member and former Board member **Janine Seis**, who is now postmaster at Lake Nebagamon. To **Mr. Tom McKay**, Wisconsin Historical Society, Office of Local History, on his coming retirement.

OUR SYMPATHY:

To the family of **Ernie Ronn** who passed away recently, & to the family of **Marian Lintula Orville** who died September 10th at 91. To **Barb Gardner** of Port Wing, **and family**, in the recent loss of husband and father **Robert**. Barb is publisher and editor of the *Connection* which has wonderfully supported local history in our region. To the family of Member **LaVerne LaPole**, with the sudden news of her passing. Late word has it that her funeral will be Friday. To the family and friends of **Alli Adele Kommes Johnson**, wife of the late **Manuel Johnson** from Cloverland. She died September 23 at 90 years.

-and who have we missed or forgotten?

Calendar:

- October 7-9**, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Bayfield Apple Festival Weekend. Windmill Tours, Open House, Friday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., White Elephant Sale, Bake Sale, Windmill Tours, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Noon to 4pm.
- October 10**, Monday, 1p.m., Next Archives Meeting, Pellman's in Maple.
- October 12**, Wednesday, 6:00 pm, O-BHS Regular Meeting, Hawthorne Town Hall, Pot luck lunch. Program: Superior National Forest Archaeologist, Brian Klawiter, to speak on Log Building Restoration.
- November 15**, Monday, Deadline for December *O-BHS News*.

WEB SITE ON LINE

The Website Committee has been working with member **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** in **Superior** on our own independent site (www.oldbrule.org). Thank you for your patience as we work to build up the site. Thanks to **Jeff Quinn** who has recently begun to assist us with our site, and especially **Audrey Hakkila** for her efforts.

Anyone interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society is encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may contact any member or the President at the return address below, or call him at (715) 364-2500, or our Treasurer, Shirley Kankas Rouleau, at 374-2413. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable at the time of our annual meeting in September. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

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