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REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held at the Associated Bank Building,
Room 103, 176 Snelling Ave. St Paul, MN 55104

This room is off the main hallway of the atrium, before you enter the inside bank.
The meetings start at 10 AM. All are welcome to attend.

March 15, 2014

April 19, 2014

May 10, 2014 – Annual Membership Meeting

June 7, 2014 – Annual Board of Directors Meeting
(Note change of date)

**ALEXANDER CASEBOLT CHOSEN
TO BE A 2014 ST. PAUL WINTER
CARNIVAL KING'S GUARD**



**THE DEADLINE IS NEARING
2014 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
AND APPLICATION INSIDE**

BOARD NOTES

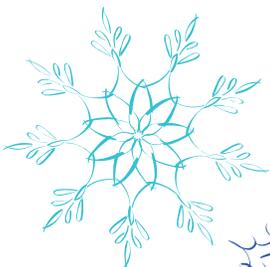
The Board did not meet over the holiday season. It has been a cold, snowy winter and a long one this year. Spring is coming and so is the Annual Membership Meeting. This May, it will be 117 years since our ancestors met and decided that they wanted to honor the memory and history of the people who settled Minnesota. We owe our existence to many years of volunteer service by many, many people. Thank you to every one of them and to the members who support us wholeheartedly. We continue our fiscal year 2013 until April 30, 2014. As always, we join other non-profits in asking our members for help, both time and monetary.

As we look at options of funding the Pioneers, one of the issues being raised is how do we increase membership. Some options being discussed are workshops to help people research their ancestry and fill in membership forms. We also are discussing types of membership. In the past, there were several categories of memberships. In 1980's, they were Annual (\$3.00), Supporting (\$5.00), Contributing (\$10.00), Life (\$30.00), Benefactor (\$100.00) and Patron (\$500.00). Times have certainly changed. Currently, our memberships are Annual, Sesquicentennial (\$30.00/\$25.00) and Life (\$300.00). If we do re-establish new categories, we will keep you informed. If you have any thoughts on the matter, please let us know. Please remember that your spouses, children, grandchildren are eligible to be members. We are also looking at different ways of fundraising, any ideas are welcome. We are looking at different ways to publicize us and the costs of such. We are still looking for office space. By April, we will have to relocate to another site. If you have any suggestions, please call. 651-379-1849. Thank you to the members who have called with suggestions.



The Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. is sponsoring Alex as a 2014 St. Paul Winter Carnival King's Guard. He represented us during the events and as he travels to Winnipeg, Canada, Georgia and Florida. Each time that he is introduced they will announce that he is sponsored by the Pioneers. The King's Guard dates back to 1916 and has the honor of "protecting" King Boreas, Aurora, the Queen of the Snows, the Winds and their princesses. Alex was assigned as the West Wind guard. He will be participating in events throughout the coming year.

Congratulations Alex!



IT WILL BE SPRING SOON AND THE MARCH 1st DEAD LINE IS APPROACHING FOR MINNESOTA TERRITORIAL PIONEER SCHOLARSHIP 2013-2014

Once again, the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. is awarding a \$500 scholarship for the 2013-2014 school year!

Students who are interested can now access the application on the MTP website by clicking on the "Scholarship Program" tab on the left side.

Applicants **do not** have to be members of the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers in order to be eligible, but must be a graduating high school senior or current college student, and show proof of acceptance/ attendance by a higher education institution that is located within the boundaries of the Minnesota Territory, as designated by the U.S. Congress. This does include part of North and South Dakota, mainly east of the Missouri River. Please check out the website for clarification and maps: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/student/history.html>

The 2013-2014 Scholarship Essay Topic: **How did religion play a role in the settlement of the Minnesota Territory prior to statehood? Consider cultural ties, nationalities and physical locations, to list a few.**

Submissions must:

- not be less than 750 or over 1500 words in length
- double-spaced
- 1" margins
- citations and bibliography in MLA format
- be submitted both in written form and by some electronic media (e.g. email, CD, flash drive etc).



Essays that do not meet application requirements will be disqualified. The 2013-2014 scholarship will be paid directly to the school the award recipient attends and will be applied towards the student's second-semester tuition.

The application this year is due **March 1, 2014**. The winning essay will be published by the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. Please see the application form in this newsletter.

For additional information not listed on the website or application, contact the MTP office at 651-379-1849, mnterritorialpioneers@yahoo.com or check out our website: mnterritorialpioneers.org



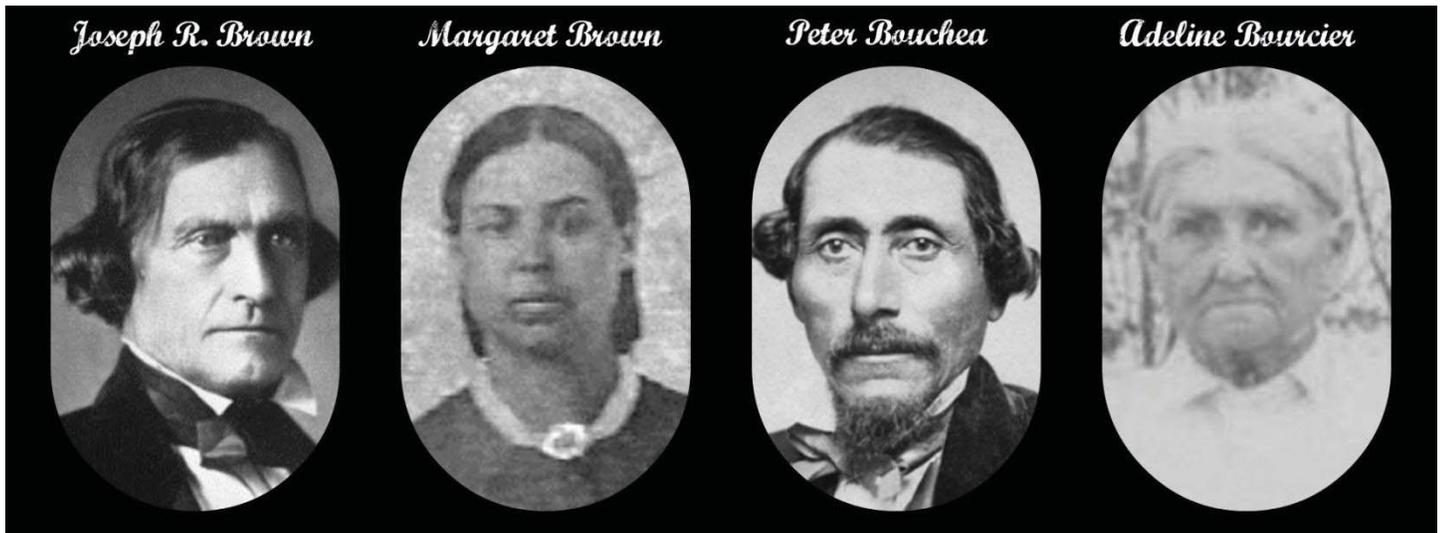
Michael Robin, Education Chair

A Single Picture

The backstory for – MAKING MARRIAGE – HUSBANDS, WIVES & THE AMERICAN STATE IN Dakota & Ojibwe Country, Chapter Four

by Catherine Denial

In 2007, Sam Fudenberg, had no idea that his Minnesota roots went back to the days of fur traders and native camps. Sam's collection of pictures started with his one photo album in 1950 and has now grown to 50 leather covered volumes. A single picture in his collection has proved his connection to some of Minnesota's first settlers, and the subject of chapter four of Making Marriage. The picture contained an image of Sam's great grandmother Anna Scott/Francis, one of her children, Virginia Francis/Saniti, and an older woman labeled only as Adeline. A cousin of Sam's, Tom Latour, was invited



to make copies of Sam's collection to assist him on his discovery of his roots. Tom's father had told him, when young, that he had a relative buried at the Grey Cloud Island Cemetery. He found this picture of Adeline key to his relatives interred at Grey Cloud, and both Sam and his Minnesota roots.

Adeline was born July 7th 1841 at St. Croix Lake, Wisconsin and was the mother of Anna in the picture. Adeline was baptized in Aug. 12, 1841 by father Lucien Galtier, at the parish of St. Peter at Mendota. She was raised by her mother Margaret McCoy/Brown/Bourcier and her mother's second husband, Joseph Bourcier.

Margaret McCoy and her first husband, Joseph Renshaw Brown's divorce is detailed in Chapter Four of the book, Making Marriage. The author was interested in how their divorce represented changes in society, and therefore marriage law in pre-Minnesota Territory. Margaret's backstory, relations, divorce, and future, were all fascinating and added a new chapter to Minnesota history.

Margaret's McCoy's parents were among the very first married in 1818 at the Red River settlement, at what was to become the Chapel of St. Boniface at Winnipeg. Her parents were Francois McCoy and Margaret Lagrue. Both were Red River Ojibwe Metis. In 1831 her parents packed up the entire family and moved down to the Fort Snelling Reserve.

Francois was immediately connected with noted Minnesota pioneer Joseph Renshaw Brown. Joe made him foreman over his goods at the Fort Snelling Reserve in 1836. In 1840 Francois McCoy was sitting a claim on the point in Bayport and later in the 1840's Joe had Francois sit his trading post at Hastings.

In the early 1830's Joe Brown was married to his first wife, Helen Dickson. Helen was the daughter of Col. Robert Dickson. Joe took up a relationship with Margaret McCoy while still with Helen. Joe divorced Helen, and Margaret gave birth to her first child, Margaret Brown, in Nov. 14, 1835. Joe really never had any intention on marrying Margaret however his circumstances changed and he was motivated to marry her June 22, 1836. Soon after the marriage Joe left for Lake Traverse trading post, leaving Margaret with her father Francois. While at Lake Traverse he wrote Henry Sibley, at Mendota, telling him that the only reason he married Margaret was to secure an inheritance. Joe Brown's uncle had left an inheritance for Joe's legal children, should any be found. In that same letter he indicated Margaret agreed that she would grant him a divorce whenever he wished.

Joe spent the greater part of their marriage at Lake Traverse, where he met, and took up a relationship who was to become his 3rd wife, Susan Freniere, a Dakota Metis. While still married to Margaret, Joe and Susan conceived and gave birth to two children. Joe returned back from Lake Traverse and conceived one more child with Margaret. Mary Brown, Margaret's second child was born May 14, 1838. Joe had by this time setup Susan Freniere at his Grey Cloud home. At this time Grey Cloud was called Chanwakan or Medicine Wood. Margaret McCoy was at the same time living on the St. Croix River with her father's family on the point at Bayport.

While Joe was making time with Susan, Margaret was spending time with a man known as Peter Bouchea (Boucher). Peter's given name was Pierre Francois Boucher, however later in life chose to go by Peter Bouchea.

Peter, and his elder sister Frances Marie were born of Francois Boucher, and a Bad River Ojibwe woman named Waussequa aka Margaret. Peter was born in 1812 at the North West Company, Fort St. Louis, in Superior Wisconsin. After the conclusion of the war of 1812, his father signed on with the new American Fur Trade and worked out of Fort Fond Du Lac, on the outskirts of Duluth. In 1826, at age 14, at the Treaty of Fond du Lac, Peter was wounded by a native and was taken south by Michigan Governor Lewis Cass to Detroit to be cared for. A year later he returned home. By age 18, in 1830, Peter is seen living on the Fort Snelling Reserve presumably to be near his older sister, Frances Marie Boucher/Massey. It is during this time-frame he would have first met Margaret. When the Treaty of 1837 was finalized with the local native tribes, Peter and his brother in law Louis Massey made their claims as the first residents of Hudson, WI. Margaret McCoy and her father's family held a claim at the point in Bayport. While Joe Brown, shortly afterward made his claim and was building his Tamarack house, at Dakota, on the north side of current day Stillwater.

Peter Bouchea in this time-frame signs a marriage intent letter with Margaret, and signs off on Joe and Margaret's divorce agreement. For whatever reason Peter and Margaret did not marry, however Adeline was conceived of that relationship. Adeline's baptism detailed that her father was not known, however somewhere along the way Adeline must have been told her father was Peter Bouchea, as he shows up on her death certificate.

Just a few months after Adeline's birth on Dec. 28th, 1841 Margaret married French Canadian trader, Joseph Bourcier at the parish of St. Peter in Mendota. Joseph Bourcier came from Makinaw and arrived to the Fort Snelling Reserve area in 1819. Joseph Bourcier was also connected with Joe Brown, once being listed as his chief boatman. After the treaty of 1837 both Joseph Bourcier and Joe Brown made their homes at Grey Cloud Island. Joe Brown, erected a grog shop, dredged a steamboat landing, plotted a town, and held court there. Joe Brown was the only Justice of the Peace local to the territory.

During the divorce from Joe Brown, Margaret was awarded a piece of property at Red Rock now known as Newport. Margaret and Joseph Bourcier raised Adeline and all her half-siblings at this location until sometime around 1850 where shortly afterwards they landed at Grey Cloud Island.

In 1872 Adeline bought ten acres from her half-brother, Anthony Bush at Grey Cloud. .4 of those 10 acres became the Grey Cloud Island Cemetery. The first burials on this property were done when she owned the property. Adeline's father Joseph Bourcier was buried there in 1888 and her mother, Margaret McCoy/Brown/Bourcier, 1890. Adeline herself was buried there in 1921 and Adeline's son in law, and Sam's great grandfather, Arthur Francis in 1928. Arthur was father to Sam's grandmother, Hannah Francis/Latour.

In the search for who this Adeline was, a single image in a picture has led to a very interesting chapter in early Minnesota history.

Sam Fudenberg is a board member for the, "Friends of the Sibley Historic Site", and "The Minnesota Territorial Pioneers". He is also the publisher of a [Historical Atlas of Early Rose Township](#), and a [Historical Atlas of Early New Canada Township](#).



ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH VARIOUS PROJECTS?

From time to time, extra help is required with projects – Portrait cleaning and inventory, setting up and taking down the State Fair exhibit, etc. To streamline things, the organization needs to know how to get in touch with its members on short notice. In order to do so we would like if you could send your e-mail address to the office. **All e-mail addresses would only be used to contact you about upcoming project dates and will not be distributed. Should you at any time wished to be removed, please let us know.** If you would like to be contacted for any of our projects please send your e-mail address to: mnterritorialpioneers@yahoo.com

A note from the secretary: Remember, if you change your email please, let us know! I have several no longer valid email addresses on file. Also, if you have a winter address, please let us know. We had over two dozen newsletters returned this past mailing and at 55 cents a newsletter, it gets expensive. We are required to have "Change Service Requested" on our newsletters. So if you are on vacation or away for a few weeks and do not have your mail held or forwarded, we get it back with the additional charge. Thanks for keeping us informed and up to date.

THE MEMORY OF SCHILLER LIVES ON IN NEW ULM, MINNESOTA

by George L. Glotzbach

Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller, German poet, philosopher, historian, and playwright, has been memorialized in New Ulm, MN for over 150 years. Schiller was born November 10, 1759 in Marbach, Württemberg, about 50 miles northwest of Ulm, Germany. "Schiller's great dramas are alike in being tragedies or epics with historical and political backgrounds; they exemplify his idealism, his high ethical principles, and insistence on freedom and nobility of spirit." reports the Columbia Encyclopedia. His play, "William Tell" is still performed today. His poem, "Ode to Joy", was used by Beethoven for the finale of his Ninth Symphony. Schiller was a close friend of the famous and influential Johann Wolfgang Goethe. Schiller died of tuberculosis May 9, 1805 in Weimar, Germany.

- August 28, 1859, just 5 years after New Ulm was founded by expatriates following the 1848 failed German revolution, and only one year after Minnesota became a State, the first local memorial to Schiller was held in honor of his 100th birthday in New Ulm's original Turner Hall. A grand Schiller and Goethe celebration occurred as part of the Choral Society's Founders Day. The people of New Ulm and guests from nearby St. Peter and Mankato gathered to hear an oration, in German, by Mr. Daniel G. Shillock. Shillock was born in Prussia and studied law in Berlin. He came to America in 1854 and thereafter to New Ulm. Translated, the New Ulm Pioneer reported Shillock began by commenting that only a few years earlier New Ulm had been a...

..."heulende Wildnis (literally, 'howling wilderness')...but now one can see the landscape dotted with thousands of farms, the homesteads of the diligent and free, sprung forth like magic from the wilderness. We are celebrating now the victory feast, the triumph of civilization over wilderness." And he went on "In this festival Schiller and Goethe, the representatives of the German spirit, are symbols of our German unity that embraces us with the same hands as members of the same folk whether we are descended from North, South, or Middle Germany, whether we be Catholic or Protestant, whether we might be believers or unbelievers. The great men of the German nation to which Schiller and Goethe were born are the prophets and priests of the holy trinity of the Spirit, Arts, and Science...."

...The spirit, the arts, and science are one---even though three. This is the deepest and most significant mystery of the holy trinity of modern times, whose full revelation, development and realization must remain left to the future. When the religion of pure humanity will embrace all people, when everyone alike celebrates this in folk-fests as the highest form of worship, then the goal will be reached, then the time will be fulfilled."

- May 9, 1905 Mrs. Bertha Gebser, born in Saxony, Germany in 1821 and a pioneer settler who arrived in New Ulm in 1860, erected a plaque to Schiller on New Ulm's magnificent Hermann Monument. Mounted on the east pedestal, translated it reads:

"IN MEMORY OF JOHANN CHRISTOPH FRIEDRICH von SCHILLER, to the herald of freedom in spiritual, ethical, and political matters as well as a hater of everything false. Dedicated on his hundredth death date from MRS. BERTHA GEBSER, New Ulm, May the 9th 1905"



- November 16, 1949 when the estate of Miss Emma Gebser, Bertha's civic minded daughter, was settled the Proceedings of the City Council, New Ulm, Minnesota accepted checks in the amount of \$8,000. They directed that interest on \$1,000 of said bequest go to the upkeep and improvement of the Hermann Park in accord with the wishes expressed in the Last Will and Testament of the late Emma Gebser.

- October 10, 2013 the Hermann Monument Society of New Ulm presented a complete collection of its information regarding the Schiller plaque to the Schiller Institute, Inc. in Leesburg, VA. The Schiller Institute works to defend the rights of all humanity to progress...material, moral, and intellectual. There are dozens of Schiller statues in Germany, the United States, and around the world. A Schiller statue was gifted to the City of St Paul in 1907 by the City's German-American community and erected in Como Park. It was completely restored and re-dedicated in 2013. A bust of Schiller has been a feature of student life at Carleton College, Northfield, MN for many years

WISH LIST

Once again, we are looking to our members for donations of time and money towards some of our larger projects.

Building Fund

For the monthly expenses of the water softener salt, insect control, gas and electricity.

Help Wanted

We need someone who can cut glass to specific shapes, mostly squares. If you have these talents, please contact us. If you know how to mat/frame pictures, that would also be helpful to us. Please consider sharing your talents!

Please remember that all donations made to the Pioneers are tax deductible. We can send you a donation slip for your taxes on request.

Information needed:

If you have moved or have a winter/summer address, please let us know. We received back over 20 newsletters with the past mailing. At the cost of 55 cents a newsletter, it adds up.

Portrait Project working times:

Feb. 14; Mar. 1, 14, 29; Apr. 5

Call before you come: 507-357-4447
(*Steeple View Building number*)

DONATIONS

Dale Carmichael

General Operating Fund - \$50.00

In memory of **Leeland David Carmichael**

Michael Hecht

General Operating Fund - \$10.00

In memory of **Leona Benson**

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In memory of **Robert A. Wiessner**

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General Operating Fund - \$20.00

Richard MacNabb

Food for Steeple View lunches

Joseph Malinovsky

General Operating Fund - \$100.00

Dorothy Herkenratt

General Operating Fund - \$25.00

In memory of her husband, **Richard Herkenratt**

Sam Fudenberg

General Operating Fund - \$25.00

In memory of **Viola (LaTour) Fudenberg**

Diane Johnson

General Operating Fund - \$25.00

In memory of **Mary Lou Pates**

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General Operating Fund - \$4.00

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Scholarship Fund - \$20.00

In memory of her husband, **Donald Bohrer**

David Benson

General Operating Fund - \$292.50

In memory of **Leona Benson**

Lillian Burford

General Operating Fund - \$17.50

In memory of **Leona Benson**

Amedie LaFond

General Operating Fund - \$35.00

Scott Jefferson

General Operating Fund - \$7.00

James Eckert

General Operating Fund - \$129.05

Thank You!

Curator's Report

Hasn't been much going on. I have received a few inquiries about donations that I will be following up on the next couple of weeks. Some of these sound like they could be an asset to the collection. More to come in the next newsletter!

Speaking of donations, I would like to thank Sam Fudenberg for:

- Volumes 3-5 of the MN History Bulletin, dated 1919-1924
- 21 volumes of "Minnesota History" (a quarterly magazine)
 - volumes 5-26, dated 1925-1945
 - volume 27, dated 1947

Each of these is a single volume and has been logged and catalogued into the collection. They will be kept at the Steeple View building in our library there. Thank you Sam.

I will be attending the Historic Faire this February in Albert Lea, Minnesota again this year. Norma and Doug Mackey will be with me to talk about the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, and our history and mission. It will be February 8th and 9th at the Northridge Mall in Albert Lea. Come and join us for this event. I will also be attending the "32nd New Ulm Trade Faire" in New Ulm this coming March.

Thank you for the donations throughout the year, but I am still looking for children's and men's clothing to add to the collection.

Happy New Year!

Richard MacNabb, Curator

Researchers Report

The plethora of 3 x 5 cards that contain basic information from the applications for the years from 1899 to the present are now finished. The next phase is now all of the other documents that we have about our even earlier ancestors.

So far, there are 8,256 cards with at least four pieces of information. According to our calculations, it should take three minutes to type each card into the computer, for a total of 412.8 hours. A professional could be hired to do the input. At \$20.00 an hour, it would cost \$8,256 total or roughly \$1.00 a card.

However, if a group could be organized, with their own computers, the same spread sheet, at the same location, working in tandem, we would be more than grateful.

This is too much of a job to ask the secretary to do alone.

Any suggestions? Any volunteers? Any donations?

Mary Vavrosky, Researcher

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