

Territorial News

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Volume 1

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.

July 18, 2009

August 15, 2009

October 17, 2009

November 21, 2009

Christmas Party - December 5, 2009

Minnesota State Fair

Thursday, August 27, 2009

Through

Labor Day, September 7, 2009

2009 Annual Membership Dues

It is that time again, if you have an asterisk after your name (i.e., (A)* you owe \$24.00 for 2009 annual dues. Please send your dues to: Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc.

176 Snelling Ave N. #328

St. Paul MN 55104

Make your check payable to: Minnesota Territorial Pioneers or MTP

Thank you

BOARD NOTES

On May 9, 2009, at the 2009 Annual Membership Meeting we held elections for the new Board. We are happy to welcome 3 new board members, **Merrilee Carlson**, **Teresa Kyslylyczyn**, and **Emilie Casebolt**. Retiring from the Board were **David Swanson** and **Sam Fudenberg**. We would like to thank them for all the good work that they did. They will be missed. Once again, two of our members traveled quite a distance to attend: **Susan Rommrehn** came from Massachusetts and **Mary Supalo** came from Virginia! We mourn the loss of eight members, most notably **Marie Hutchinson**, **Ruth MacNabb**, and **Ilyne Nesheim**, former board members; we offer our condolences to all of their families. We welcomed sixteen new applicants to our membership at the Annual Meeting.

The MTP is expanding our office space. On June 1, 2009, we enlarged our office space from 90 to 150 square feet! It does not sound like much but we really needed the extra room and now the Secretary and Treasurer can actually have their own desks! In the process, we have been rearranging files, going through boxes and overall office cleaning. The Historian now has his own files along with the Corporate Clerk having room to expand. We still need to acquire a fireproof legal size file cabinet. We have one but need a larger one.

Please see the insert in this newsletter with the new board positions along with the dates of the board meetings. Anyone may attend these meetings and we welcome both members and non-members to attend. As you read this newsletter, you will note that we are offering a \$500 scholarship this year.

We are establishing an "In Memoriam" plaque. When donations are made in memory of a loved one/pioneer, a plate will be placed on this plaque with that name and the name of the donor/family and the date of donation. This plaque will be on display at the Log Cabin during the Fair and then will travel with us to the Annual Membership Meetings and the Christmas parties. We also are establishing a "Donor" plaque. During the fiscal year, if a cash donation is made with a minimum of \$25.00, we will place your name on this plaque. We will also keep a book of all donations made; these will also travel with the "In Memoriam" plaque. These have been a long time coming and the Board felt that we needed to honor those people. We will continue to publish this information in the newsletter as well.

The Board of Directors

TIDBITS OF HISTORY: August 26, 1904 storyline: Minneapolis' First Bell Buried by Storm. It went down in the crash of the first Presbyterian church, but When Exhumed Today, It was unharmed – Relic has an Interesting History.

Buried in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church, the historic bell, the first that ever rang from a church in Minneapolis, was found uninjured in the heap of rubbish and broken stone this morning. The old bell was presented to the First Presbyterian Church by Mayor Wadsworth of New York in 1853. Since that time it has had five resting places and it was hoped that when the present church was built that would be the last.

It arrived in St. Paul in October 1853 and was hauled to Minneapolis by team. It was hung in the tower built for it on Bridge Square, where the electric light mast used to stand. At that time, it was used as a fire alarm as well as for church purposes being the biggest bell in the city. The church was in a nearby hall. In 1854, it was installed in the new church at 6th Ave. S. and Fifth St. The church was called "Toothpick Church" on account of the height of the spire. During the day, the bell called children to their daily tasks. In 1865, the bell was again transferred to the new church on First Ave. S. between Seventh and Eighth streets. The next move was to Tenth St. and Park Ave., August 31, 1873, where it remained sixteen years. The bell was placed in the belfry of the present church in February, 1889, but was not hung for some time. AT one time, a request came from the Pacific Coast that the bell might be sent there, but this was not granted.



Make it your first time to work at the MTP Log Cabin. It is fun, entertaining, and you get to meet people from all over the world. As we mentioned in the newsletter last time, we are having a “training party.” All you have to do is bring yourself. The Board of Directors is supplying the food and training. We are hoping that anyone interested in working will come. It is an opportunity to see where everything is, get to know the Board members, see the layout of the Cabin, actually find out where the Log Cabin is located on the fairgrounds, what buses to take and where to park during the Fair or what gate is best for family/friends to drop you off and pick you up at. Even if you cannot work during the Fair, this is a great opportunity to see the Cabin set up before the crowds. I will try to have a sheet of locations where you can catch the buses/parking lots available at this meeting and, if I get going, I will have it posted on the website. Otherwise, you can check out the mnstatefair.org website and they usually have the bus locations on it. I will try and have the admission tickets ready for pick-up at this meeting. If you cannot make the party, I will mail them out to you.



The training party is: **Saturday, August 1, 2009**, starting at **11 AM** and going to **1 PM** or until the last person leaves. It would be really nice to see many of you volunteer this year. The Board works hard all year round and it is always a pleasure to see members join us at the Log Cabin. Dress is casual. Wear clothing suitable for the weather. Please *no* t-shirts with advertising logos or political slogans on them. If you want, you may come in costume. We have a bathroom in the Cabin along with a refrigerator and coffee pot. If you work a full 6 hour shift, you do receive an admission ticket into the Fair. The shifts are

8:45 am – 3:00 pm and 2:45 pm – 9:00 pm

We need a minimum of 48 people to fill all the shifts for 12 days of the Fair, ideally 72. If we have only the minimum number of people, it just means that the people working do not always get breaks, so *PLEASE* consider working a shift. I would rather turn people away than not have enough to cover. Call early and get the shift you want. I schedule on a first come, first serve basis.

You may contact me through email: mnterritorialpioneers@yahoo.com , MTP office, Phone: **651-379-1849**, or my home: **651-698-5124** or the MTP website: mnterritorialpioneers.org There is a form on the website that you can download, fill in, and send into the office:

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There is no phone at the Log Cabin, so to reach me during the Fair you will have to call my cell phone: 651-785-5833

Thank You, Mary & Bill Casebolt



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FISCAL YEAR 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. recently held its 2009 Annual Board of Directors Meeting on Saturday, May 16, 2009. The following Directors were elected as follows:

Executive Committee

Richard MacNabb, President (Curator)	St. Paul, Minnesota
William Casebolt, 1 st Vice President (Property Search)	St. Paul, Minnesota
Mary Casebolt, Secretary (State Fair Chair) (Newsletter Editor)	St. Paul, Minnesota
Amy Jensen, Treasurer	St. Paul, Minnesota
Michael Robin, Corporate Clerk (Historian)	Bloomington, Minnesota

Board of Directors

Seraphine Byrne – Marketing/Sales	Lake Elmo, Minnesota
Merrilee Carlson	Hastings, Minnesota
Emilie Casebolt	St. Paul, Minnesota
Catherine Harrison – Social Committee	Pine City, Minnesota
Kay Harsila – Membership Chair	Aurora, Minnesota
Teresa Kysylyczyn - Assistant Treasurer	Roseville, Minnesota
Norma Mackey – Education & Publicity	Woodbury, Minnesota
Richard Sandeen	Richfield, Minnesota
Mary Vavrosky	Bloomington, Minnesota

Ex-Officio Board Member

Katherine Mytty – Goodwill Ambassador	Plymouth, Minnesota
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Webmaster

Anne Sladky	LaPorte, Minnesota
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Honoray Vice-President

Rev. Thomas Phillips – Chaplain	Stillwater, Minnesota
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MINNESOTA TERRITORIAL PIONEERS

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Regular Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

2009

Annual Directors Meeting and Elections

May 16, 2009

10:00 AM

Associated Bank – Liberty Office

Regular Directors Meeting

June 20, 2009

10:00 AM

Associated Bank – Liberty Office

Regular Directors Meeting

July 18, 2009

10:00 AM

Associated Bank – Liberty Office

Regular Directors Meeting

August 15, 2009

10:00 AM

Associated Bank – Liberty Office

Regular Directors Meeting

September 19, 2009

10:00 AM

Associated Bank – Liberty Office

Regular Directors Meeting

October 17, 2009

10:00 AM

Associated Bank – Liberty Office

Regular Directors Meeting

November 21, 2009

10:00 AM

Associated Bank – Liberty Office

Christmas Party

December 5, 2009

Date, time and location TBD

2010

Regular Directors Meeting

January 16, 2010

10:00 AM

Associated Bank – Liberty Office

Regular Directors Meeting

February 20, 2010

10:00 AM

Associated Bank – Liberty Office

Regular Directors Meeting

March 20, 2010

10:00 AM

Associated Bank – Liberty Office

Regular Directors Meeting

April 17, 2010

10:00 AM

Associated Bank – Liberty Office

Annual Directors Meeting & Elections

May 15, 2010

10:00 AM

Associated Bank – Liberty Office

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IN MEMORIAM

The MTP offers their condolences to the families of the following members. Some recently passed away and some previously. Please join us in our prayers and heartfelt sympathy.

Gretchen Eberhardt

Marie Hutchinson
(former board member)

Ruth MacNabb
(former board member and Honorary Vice President)

Margaret Manship
(former board member)

Ilyne Nesheim
(former board member and Honorary Vice President)

Mary Lou Pates
Shirley Redden
Carolyn Towers

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Congratulations!

The General Membership, at the 2009 Annual Membership Meeting held May 9, 2009, accepted the following people as members of the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc.:

Arlen Alexander
Robert R. Bohnen
Judith A. Echaniz
Charles R. Gallagher
Scott C. Graham
Chris W. Hanning
Katherine Johnson LeVesque

Carolyn A. Landergott
Joshua A. McKeon
Kimberly J. McKeon
Luke J. McKeon
Preston A. McKeon
Nicole A. Moeschter
Roberta R. Moeschter
Gerald A. Okland
Susan L. Van Horn

Capt. William Smith
William Smith
Charles R. Woods
Charles R. Woods
Calvin Tuttle
Ira Hill
Wilson C. Morrison
Daniel "Dow" Morrison
Mary Morrison
John Jacob Schiller
Joseph LaFramboise
Joseph LaFramboise
Joseph LaFramboise
Joseph LaFramboise
Stener Mikkelson
Stener Mikkelson
Samuel E. Cotton
Job A. Canfield

Benton County – 1854
Sibley County – 1855
Nicollet County – 1857
Nicollet County - 1857
St. Anthony – 1849
Winona County – 1854-55
Ramsey – 1848

Ramsey County – 1852
Nicollet County – 1834
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Nicollet County – 1834
Faribault County – 1856
Faribault County – 1856
Winona County – 1852
Waseca County – 1856

Upon request of David Swanson, former Editor of the Newsletter, several members submitted articles to be published. Here are some early stories about his family that were submitted by **Richard Bartz**, life member:

INDIANA

From Rev. Wm. T. Bly, Valparaiso, April 30, 1845

My field is forty miles in length and contains many settlements. The enemy is sowing tares in it. Infidels, Universalists, mormons, Campbellites, and many others are all exerting themselves to make proselytes. But we have enjoyed times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord in two churches, viz: Valparaiso and Cedar Lake, in both of which several have been baptized and others will, probably, soon follow their example.

One of the candidates was formerly received into the church of Scotland upon being able to say the Ten Commandments, but she has now experienced religion, and can tell of the saving grace of God and the love of Christ constraining her to obedience.

I am more and more convinced that as we cultivate the field, God will grant us the harvest of souls. We need two or three additional laborers, however, and if that number of pious, faithful and able men would enter the field with us, they would find enough to occupy their attention to good advantage.

Baptist Missionary Magazine, page 50

BAPTIST BAPTISM NORTH OF ETNA, MN

Rev. W. T. Bly (called Elder Bly) minister of Etna was going to have a Baptismal service, which was by immersion. This would take place in the creek that was nearby. There were several young men living in the neighborhood who were Catholics, which made some religious friction among the neighbors. When the young men heard about the service, they went and hauled a load of horse manure up stream and at the "proper" time, they dumped it into the stream and let it float down the stream. Needless to say, there was no baptism held.

Elder Bly was a loud Baptist and went to see the Priest, who said he would take suitable action with these young men and based a sermon on it. They were the Simmons boys and the Meyers boys, both being on the rough side. Late John Simmons told about it and said he never did apologize to Rev. Bly.

WHEN WILLIAM T. BLY MOVED

Elder Bly lived on this farm at Etna, which had a creek running quite near the house. Their son, Teft, was born on this farm. When he was two years old, the creek really fascinated him. He fell into it so often and his mother could not keep track of him, the Elder was afraid the child would drown. They moved to Blue Earth, MN at that time. This would have been about 1856-1857.

AS TOLD BY LOTTIE (BLY) HEIDTKE TO HER SON GEORGE (JUDSON A. BLY)

Uncle Jud, as many of the early ministers did, depended on horse and buggy to take him on his rounds of visitation. He was far from home on this trip so made plans to stay overnight with some farm home. They took good care of his horse and housed it in a hen house where the horse collected lice. In order to get rid of the lice, Uncle Jud gave the horse a bath in kerosene. Well, the lice left alright, but so did the horse hair I wonder if the hair ever came back?

2009 Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon

The Annual Membership Meeting and luncheon was held for the second year at the lovely historic Lowell Inn, in Stillwater. There were 67 attendees, including guests and new members. The Membership Meeting consisted of reports by officers and committee chairs. Motions were made for new members and directors and one by-law revision. All of which passed. Awards were then presented and included Honorary Life Memberships for **Eugene Ewer** and **Joseph Malinovsky**. The 2009 Pioneer of the Year award was presented to **Seraphine** Byrne. Lunch was served and followed by cakes provided by the MTP with donations by **Kay Harsila** and **Norma Mackey** toward their purchase.

Our speakers were **Rae Lundquist**, who has a degree in theater with an emphasis on costuming. She, assisted by her husband, Keith, spoke on the history of clothing with many examples of the roots and meanings of words and phrases commonly used, i.e., “throwing the baby out with the bath water.” The event ended with drawings for door prizes, assisted by **Sarah Kysylyczyn**, Richard MacNabb’s granddaughter.

The Christmas Party will be held December 5, 2009, at the Cherokee Sirloin Room in West St. Paul. I hope to see you there!

Catherine Harrison, Social Chair

YOUR HISTORY ...

When you applied for membership in the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc., did you just fill out a form stating who your ancestor was and the date and place the ancestor settled? The MTP would like to have upgraded information on your ancestor(s). Would you be willing to help us by enlarging the information you gave us on your ancestor?

The easiest way would be to fill out “Family Group Sheets” and “Ancestor Charts” that you can obtain free by downloading them from <rootsweb.org> No computer? The public libraries have computers that you can use. The librarians will show you how to use the computer and how to download the forms. There is a slight charge for downloading the forms. The forms are self-explanatory and actually kind of fun to fill out. They will show you what you do know and what other info you would like to have.

Some starting websites to really look for info are: www.familysearch.org rootsweb.org, (social security death index or SSDI among others), <mhs.org> (where you can find Minnesota births, deaths, and a lot else) and www.hclib.org (if you live in Hennepin County and have a library card, for Heritage Quest for census Records and the Ancestry Library edition). St. Paul www.stpaullib.mn.us also has Ancestry.com

Mary Vavrosky, Board Member

Warning: this research may become addictive. Proceed at your own risk!

**THIS IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES ON THE BOUNDARIES OF MINNESOTA.
THE UNITED STATES CANADIAN BORDER
PART 2 – THE WAR OF 1812**

After the war of 1812, diplomats again met to try to solve the boundary issue in Ghent, Belgium. But this time they agreed upon a joint commission to find the northwest corner of Lake of the Woods and then to locate "Long Lake." The British once again asked David Thompson to find that elusive point; he determined that Rat Portage (near Kenora) was that point. The American government chose James Ferguson, but he could not determine a point.

Thompson in turn asked Dr. Johann Ludwig Tjarks, a noted astronomer and mathematician, to establish the elusive point. By the use of a complicated formula he determined where the point was located. The commission accepted his findings and tried to solve the final problem: the location of "Long Lake." The British felt that Long Lake was not a lake but the St. Louis River as it flowed out of the south end of Lake Superior and then swung north. Then by land portage to Lake Vermillion, then on to the Vermillion River to the Rainy River. If this had been accepted by the U. S. Government, the city of Duluth, the Mesabi and Vermillion Iron Ranges, and vast acres of timber would eventually belong to Canada. Not to be outdone, the American commissioners insisted that Long Lake was the Kaministikwia (Kaministiquia) River. The Kaministikwia River Valley extends from the shore of Lake Superior near Thunder Bay and extends northward. Then by a system of lakes and portages the American claim extended southwest to the north shore of Namakan Lake. The commissioners stubbornly refused to agree on the location of Long Lake and returned to their respective governments without solving the boundary location.

Finally in 1842, both countries agreed that the boundary should begin at the mouth of the Pigeon River and continue to the Northwest point of Lake of the Woods. This agreement was the Webster-Ashburton Treaty of 1842. But in 1896, Congressman Charles A. Towne of Duluth felt that Hunter's Island belonged to the United States. That was a large portion of land bounded on the south by the present established boundary (Lac La Croix, Trout Lake, the Loon River, Lilac Lake and then Lake Namakan) and on the north of the Kaministikwia River Valley boundary claim that was made seventy years prior. His reasoning was twofold; first the interior of the boundary had not yet been determined. The only thing that the Webster-Ashburton Treaty stipulated was the end points of the boundary, and nothing in between. Secondly, there were U. S. citizens paying taxes on land they had homesteaded. The only result of Congressman Towne's claim was Canada and the United States decided to survey and mark the boundary wherever possible. Hunter's Island remained in Canada.

For 130 years, the governments of the United States and Britain could not agree on the boundary east of Minnesota's chimney. But what about the boundary west of the Lake of the Woods? This region was part of the Louisiana Purchase. Prior to the Louisiana Purchase this land was first claimed by Spain and later by France. Meanwhile, Britain had claimed the northern portion of the territory. That exact boundary between the two was never formally established.

The boundary question arose first in 1714, when representatives of the French and British governments met to discuss the issue. Also in attendance at these meetings were officials of the Hudson's Bay Company, which held rights to fur trade in much of North America. The company was deeply concerned about the boundary because it wanted to secure as much land as it could for itself and Britain. The company argued that its fur trapping territory extended as far south as the 49th parallel. No decision was made, but on all maps published in the following years the 49th parallel was the boundary.

In 1818 the United States and Britain discussed the boundary between the two territories west of the Mississippi. The United States referred to the claims made by the Hudson Bay Company that the 49th parallel should again be recognized as the boundary between the two countries. Although the American government could not produce proof of the Hudson Bay Company's claim, the British agreed to the boundary with little protest.

Now, only one problem was left to solve at the Convention of 1818. The two nations agreed that a line must run from the northwest corner of the Lake of the Woods to the 49th parallel. But the convention did not know where that parallel lay, so they agreed to draw the line either straight north or south from the Lake of the Woods. There were disputes by both sides where the parallel lay, but finally the parallel was agreed upon. The 49th parallel lies south of Lake of the Woods and that is how Minnesota got its chimney.

Scholarship



THE MINNESOTA TERRITORIAL PIONEERS, INC. SCHOLARSHIP

The Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. will be awarding a \$500.00 scholarship for the 2010-2011 school year. Applicants will be asked to answer the following question: **“Who, in Minnesota Territory, played a significant role during the territorial times and in our state today?”** The student will be asked to submit a 750-1000 word essay on a CD-Rom, floppy, or flash drive plus a hard copy to the MTP on or before March 15, 2010. The scholarship will be awarded at the 2010 Annual Membership Meeting.

To be eligible, the student must be a senior in good standing at their current high school and must have been accepted at an accredited junior or academic college or university. These schools must be located within the original boundaries of the Minnesota Territory as designated by the US Congress. All applicants must provide a copy of their college or university acceptance letter with their essay. The essay will be judged for accuracy, historical content, and interest. All essays must be typed using MS Word in 12 point Arial or Tahoma. It must be double-spaced. All margins should be one inch. The winning essay will be published by the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. This scholarship will be paid directly to the school that the recipient will be attending and applied toward the second term tuition. Please read the application for details.

Essays not meeting the above parameters will be disqualified. All applicants will be advised of scholarship selection or non-selection. Only one essay per eligible person. Family members of current board members are not eligible.

Look for more details and the application form in the fall of 2009 on the website: mnterritorialpioneers.org. We will also have the Scholarship application form in the next newsletter.

If you have any questions or would like an application sent to you, please contact our email mnterritorialpioneers@yahoo.com or call the MTP office at 651-379-1849.

Norma Mackey, Education Chair

