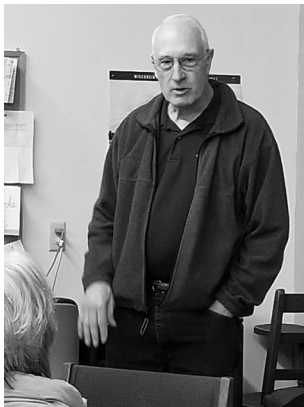


Bryan Troost speaks on Montello granite company

The first presentation in the Marquette County Historical Society's speaker series for 2019 was Bryan Troost whose family owned the Montello Granite Company for four generations. Troost is co-author of the book *Etched in Stone: history of the Montello granite quarries*.

Today, the granite quarries are a popular tourist attraction, but for many years they were a primary industry in Montello. Until the quarries closed in 1976, Troost was the fourth generation of his family to own and manage the quarry. The high-quality stone was chosen for the sarcophagus of President Ulysses Grant in 1896. Montello granite also makes up monuments at Gettysburg and at the site of the battle of Little Big Horn, among other places.

At one time, the quarry employed 225 workers including 11 full-time blacksmiths. The first workers drilled holes by hand before pneumatic tools replaced hand tools. There was a horse barn, blacksmith shop, work shop, and other buildings in the granite company complex. Two water wheels at the dam on the Montello River generated power for the plant. Today, the water-filled front quarry hole on Montello Street reaches down 85 feet and the back quarry hole, 150.



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Hotel Rosenbaum once hosted guests in Westfield

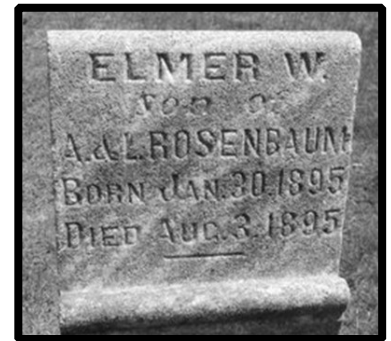


Just down the street from the Marquette County Historical Society in Westfield stood the Rosenbaum Hotel. It was built in 1876 by W.L. Sims and was called the Central Hotel at that time. That was the year that the Wisconsin Central Railroad began running to Westfield bringing many visitors and businessmen.

The hotel went through several renter/managers and according to information in Centennial Memories, was sold to Albert Rosenbaum in 1900. The 1905 Westfield census shows them as owners of the hotel with five "servants." At the time, they had 22 boarders.

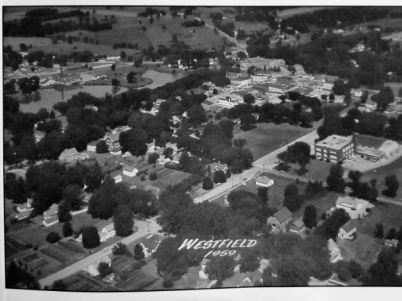
The Rosenbaums moved to Washington State in 1907 and sold the hotel to Paul Pierce. In 1915 the hotel burned to the ground. It was owned then by Philo Hammond who build a new hotel in downtown Westfield.

Albert Rosenbaum had moved to Wisconsin from New York. His parents were born in Germany. Louisa, also called Lizzie, lived in the Town of Crystal Lake where her marriage to Albert took place in 1891. She was Louisa Rosina Dreger before her marriage and her parents, too, were from Germany. They had a 14 year old son Clarence when they moved to Washington State where Albert first owned a tavern, then became a chicken farmer. But Albert and Lizzie left a part of themselves behind in Westfield. In 1895 they had a son, Elmer W who lived for only six months. Little Elmer is buried in the Westfield East Cemetery.



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Learn more about the history of Westfield in this Centennial Memories Book for sale for just \$5 at the Marquette County Historical Society.



Another view of the Hotel Rosenbaum.

Germania: a little community with a rich history

We heard that some folks in Germania have organized a Germania Historical Society and we are happy to hear that history will be preserved there. We recently received a request for information about Clarence E. Peirce who was the Postmaster in Germania for many years. The request was from someone compiling their family tree. We get many such requests and were able to give her quite a bit of information about her relative especially from **Faces and Places Volume II** by the late, great Fran Sprain.

Senator C. E. Peirce from Germania who was also on the school board was instrumental in getting a graded school built in Germania. His daughter Ruth Peirce (sometimes I found that Pierce is spelled Pierce or Peirce) graduated from Oshkosh Normal and taught at the Germania school in 1897.

Clarence E Peirce was postmaster in Germania for some years. In the same book, there is a photo of the Peirce Farm in 1891.

Upper right photo is of the Lutheran Church in Germania. Below that is the school and below left is the Germania Creamery. Below that the Germania

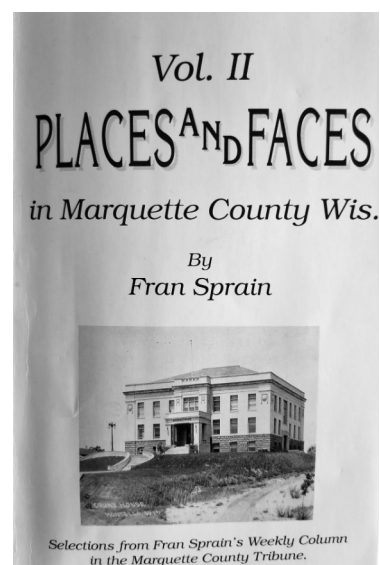
Hotel now the Long Branch.



The Germania Hotel (today the Long Branch Tavern) in the 1890's

Learn more about Germania in the Places and Faces books for sale at the Marquette County Historical Society, the Marquette County Tribune and Reader's Realm.

Recipe for Community has more information about creameries in Marquette County. Support local history!



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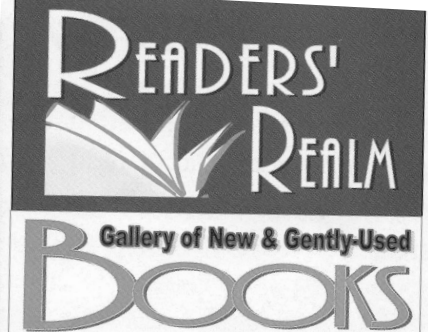
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Interested in vintage aerial photos? Check out the Robinson Map Library online at

<https://geography.wisc.edu/maplibrary/aerial-photography/>

You can view and download aerial maps from 1938 and more. Below is a 1938 view of Montello.



March Madness 1927 style. The Packwaukee boy's basketball team look like champions to us. Morrey Marshall, Herbert Witloff, Charles Herman, Edway Johnson, Clarence Jach.



Mark your 2019 calendar

The board is hard at work planning events for 2019. Watch the newsletter, the Marquette County Tribune and our Facebook page as more events are added to our calendar.

This year's County Fair is on July 18-21. Be sure to stop in our booth and view our exhibit.

June 8 is the Strawberry Sociable. Enjoy an afternoon of fun on the grounds of the museum.

September 21 Kathleen McGwin will lead a tour of the Pioneer Cemetery in Buffalo. Watch for more details.

December 20 1PM Hunting for Vintage Christmas Ornaments with Tom Freitag and Jim Slattery.

Watch for more dates and events!

There's nothing cuter than a little girl and her favorite animals. Below, Lila Mae from the Herman/Trimble family photo albums.

