RIB LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, LLC

Honor Roll of Contributors to Photo & Document Collection

Updated to August 28, 2021

The following is a list of individuals who have generously loaned or donated items to the Rib Lake Historical Society. Wherever possible, the scan number has been added to those items scanned into the Society’s collection of photos and documents. Contributors listed in alphabetical order.

This list may very well not identify the total range of contributors’ donation or loaning of items.

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| Name | Address | Comments |
| Amo, Faye | Dorchester, WI 715-654-6122 | #16009-16100+.An enthusiastic Rib Lake historian, Faye is the daughter of Edward Kelnhofer and the granddaughter of George J. Kelnhofer, the founder of Kelnhofer general store; the store has been in continuous operation since its construction in 1897, and in 2012 is Ed’s IGA. Faye created two marvelous scrapbooks of Rib Lake history by organizing her father’s photographs and interviewing him and making detailed notes of his firsthand remembrances. |
| Anderson, David & Helen | RFD Rib Lake, WI715-427-0549 | In Oct. 2009, loaned postcards of Spirit & Rib Lake. #16684 & 16685 |
| Anderson, Peter & Kelly | W3643 Kapitz RdRib Lake, WI 54470715-681-0674 | On May 3, 2017, Peter and Bob Rusch searched for evidence of the steam hauler ice road north of Ritchie Lake. Peter generously loaned for scanning Doc. #20739 “Michigan log marks.” |
| Angelo, Richard “Dick” &Vivyen,  | N 8864 Leonard Lane, Westboro. 715 427 5474 | The Angelo home occupies part of the former Westboro Lumber Co. site. They loaned their abstract of title which has been scanned. |
| Aszmann, Russ | Taylor County Forestry Dept.224 S. Second St.Medford, WI 54451715-748-1486 | After many years of service as Assistant County Forester, Russ succeeded Brad Ruesch as Taylor County Forester in May, 2013. Aszmann reported the discovery of historic logging artifacts to the Rib Lake Historical Society in 2012. An inspection of the site by Bob Rusch & Russ showed where the actual site of RLLC Camp 13 and a previously unknown railroad ROW approximately one mile south. Both have been photographed and added to the Photo & Document collection.  |
| Bailey, E. Michael | 817 Charlene Ave.Tomahawk, WI 54487715-453-3793 | Mike obtained a degree in forestry from the UW-Stevens Point and began work for the Wis. Conservation Dept. at Tomahawk in the 1960’s. He became a manager in the fire control headquarters there and began to study aerial photos. This led to his creating a map of the 1933 fires in eastern Lincoln County that burned up to the uncut holdings of the RLLC. He reports that his field examination would confirm the aerial photographs, specifically; popple was thriving in the burned areas and hardwood in the unburned areas. He also reported to Rusch that the evidence suggests that the huge fire of 1933 in the Town of Corning had a number of sources along CTH M in the Town of Corning. This would be consistent with anecdotal reports that fires attributable to berry pickers had started the blaze, i.e. people dropped cigarettes which accidentally caused the fire. Bailey’s letter of 2012, see Photo & Doc. Collection “The circled x’s (x) indicate ignition points. My understanding is that the one in section 2 [T 31 R 4 E], near the Copper River & Hwy M, is the original ignition point. The others …..” “THE AREA COVERED BY THE FIRE IS, BY MY ESTIMATE, 5 TOWNSHIPS OR 115,200 ACRES.” (emphasis added) |
| Bamonte, Tony & Suzanne | 1308 E. 29th Ave.Spokane, WA 99203509-838-7114 |  |
| Barnes, Daniel | dbarnes@visi.com | Elwin McLeod bus. Card, #15062, c. 1939 “Freiberg & McLeod Agcy Insurance” |
| Barney, Christopher N. & Pamela | 3913 Dory Ct.Franklin, WI 53132-8298414-855-0857 | Postal history contact |
| Bates, John | 4245 Hwy 45Mercer, WI 54547715-476-2828 | John is a successful natural history author writing, among other things on Wisconsin’s old growth forests; see doc. #21264. |
| Baumgartner, Karen R.  | 165 Wyoming St.Phillips, WI 54555715-339-2592krbaumga@pctcnet.net |  |
| Becher, Thomas | 717 S. 9th Ave.Wausau, WI 54401715-574-5962715-845-2630 | Interests: Union Leather Co, Knowlton, WI |
| Becker, Barbara | 921 Second Ave. SWisconsin Rapids, WI 54495715-421-0667 | Barbara donated to the Rib Lake Public Library yearbooks of Westboro and Rib Lake High Schools in memory of Robert L. Becker. The yearbooks include #14211, the 1947 Westboro High School yearbook “Trojan”. |
| Becker, Ronald | N9286 Long Lake Rd.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3332 | Ron and his mother, Mary, live next to Long Lake Road and are long-time, dear friends. #14835, Ron lent documents obtained by his late grandfather, Frank Becker, in his capacity as Rib Lake Village Clerk |
| Beckstrand, Derek | 1212 Landall AveRib Lake, WI 54470715-560-9491 | Derek is, in 2020, the Chief of Police of the Village of Rib Lake. He inherited from his grandfather, George Zondlo, Jr., a unique item, a portion of the 1945 calendar printed under the title “Rib Lake Lumber Company of Delaware, Rib Lake, Wisconsin.” See 22693. The calendar also had a quiz with cartoons that was designed at creating safety consciousness for the public and especially war workers. The calendar and accompanying material was actually put together by the US government to build morale, increase production of goods and reduce accidents in their aftermath. |
| Bergmann, Priscilla “Peachy” | a/k/a Mrs. Herbert BergmannN2422 State Hwy 97Medford, WI 54451715-748-2294 | Priscilla, known to friends by her nickname, “Peachy,” was born a Yorde and grew up at the Yorde homestead, utilizing former buildings of RLLC Camp 18 in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Her magnificent photo collection begins at 19982.Peachy was married to Herbert Bergmann, chairman of Taylor County Board of Supervisors, who was contacted by the descendants of Ernst Gerstberger to log the former Gerstberger farm. After Herb viewed the forest, he was so impressed by the beauty of the near-virgin forest conditions that he successfully headed an effort to preserve it as Gerstberger Pines County Park. |
| Berndt, Richard | N1893 Fork RoadMerrill, WI 715-536-9816 | Dick is the chairman of a committee that researched, wrote and had published in 2019 “Town of Corning History.” |
| Blomberg, Kathy & Lyle |  | Kathy and Lyle are dear friends and took a leadership role in the construction of the Timms Hill Trail. About 1995 at the site of the old Bass Lake beer bar they constructed, by hand, a delightful modern restaurant, resort and log cabin assembly room. The resort is called High Point Village and the restaurant is the Hill O’ Beans. Both have acted in a variety of dramas put on for the public, including “Don’t Hug Me I’m Pregnant,” which was filmed in October, 2014, by Wisconsin Public Radio. |
| Blomberg, Roger & Tammy | W2707 Hultman Lake Rd.Ogema, WI 54459715-767-5423 | Tammy is employed at the Rib Lake Public Library. Roger loaned to the Society the spectacular oversized chain, which he found about 1980 in the woods near Spirit Lake.  |
| Bohte, Edward & Estelle | W2728 Wood Creek Ave.Rib Lake, WI 715-427-3363 | The collection of Estelle & Edward Bohte begins at 14326 and ends at 14393.This delightful couple live on their farm home that was once owned by Stephen Konz, and in the house that served as the Konz Post Office. |
| Bonde, Agnes | c/o Golden Living Center650 Pearl St.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5291715-427-5292 |  |
| Brahmer, Chet | Aspirus Health & RehabMedford, WI  | Chet and his deceased wife were the long-time operators of Chet & Bernie’s Tap in downtown Interwald. This delightful country tavern had a popular baseball field.Chet advises that the late Harry Curran gave him a variety of historic photos presently in the possession of his children, Gerald, Duane and Greg Brahmer and Brenda Schreiner.  |
| Brahmer, Duane “Butch” | Interwald, WI  | Duane has donated business cards and photographs of his parents, Chet & Bernie, who long operated an iconic bar and ball field in downtown Interwald.  |
| Brahmer, Greg & Lorraine | N7494 Mielke RdRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3106 | Greg Brahmer’s parents, Chet & Bernie, born Bernadine Scheithauer, operated a popular tavern and popular baseball field on County Highway M for over 50 years. Chet had acquired the magnificent photographic collection made by Interwald pioneer and postmaster George Knower. Greg and the entire Brahmer family generously loaned this collection to the Society, making possible this spectacular photographic array beginning at image 19766. |
| Brehm, Qathryn | [www.qathryn.com](http://www.qathryn.com)info@qathryn.com | Qathryn Brehm is currently living on the west coast near San Francisco. She contacted the Society on August 8, 2015 about six 35 mm negatives, which her father had purchased from Emma Voemastek, the widow of John J. Voemastek, long-time owner and editor of the Rib Lake Herald. Each image is well composed and clear and has been numbered 19389-19393. The images provide a previous, largely missing photo history of portions of Block A and D of McComb’s Racing Park Addition to the Village of Rib Lake. Qathryn also furnished a delightful photograph of George Knower’s “The Interwald Store” and post office about 1928, accession number 19393. The Society is very much indebted to Qathryn and looks forward to a long and fruitful relationship. |
| Briggs, Diane | 2056 W. Vista CircleDePere, WI 54115 | Diane is a retired schoolteacher who happened to teach children, whose mother was born in Rib Lake. Diane generously donated the Sternhagen (Bleck) obituary, #17720. |
| Bromann, Scot | N8457 CTH CRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5676Sbromann.hei@tds.net |  |
| Brost, Norbert & Rosalie | N3542 Woodland Rd.Medford, WI 54451715-748-2404 | Loaned Camp 6 RLLC Photograph. |
| Brunner, Joanne | W5253 Morner Rd.Prentice, WI 54566-9570 | Joanne is a retired teacher and a real role model; she is an active senior citizen, regularly participating in biking and snowshoe events. She contributed Doc. 14746, a photo of the Ruesch Bros. Cigar Factory of Medford, WI. |
| Brush, Frank | 102 E. KiowaNew Strawn, KS 66839620-364-3631flbservices@aol.com | Frank’s great-grandpa=Aretis Brush, RLLC supt. Obit. 13433 000009 |
| Bucher, Fr. Otto, O.F.M. Cap. | St. Anthony Retreat Center300 E. 4th St.Marathon, WI 54498-9601715-443-2236onbucher@yahoo.com | Fr. Bucher, in 2011, serves as the parish priest for Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Rib Lake. He generously donated copies of church related documents. |
| Budimlija, Brad | N217 Silver Creek RdOgema, WI 54459715-767-5214 | With Mary Ellen Zuther, loaned photos of turn of the century Max Zuther sawmill in the Town of Rib Lake. See 22587ff |
| Buksa, Betty |  |  |
| Buksa, George John | 720 Holden Rd.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3535 | This dear friend is sometimes called “George Buksa, Jr.” although his father was George Joseph Buksa. A true lover of Rib Lake history, George tried to convince his father to buy and preserve the Rib Lake Lumber Co. railroad upon its abandonment in 1948. His collection begins at 16510. |
| Butler, Bev & Bob | Rib Lake, WI | Bob & Bev Butler were total strangers to Bob Rusch when he approached them in 2015 requesting their permission to build the Ice Age and Timms Hill Trail across their land south of Rustic Road #1. Not only did they become dear friends, but they donated both a trail and conservation easement to the Ice Age Trail Alliance. See item #22123 for a German language item that Bev had Bob translate.  |
| Butler, Jerry | N9396 Spirit Lake RdRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3812 | About 2014 Jerry was appointed head of the Dept. of Public Works by the Village of Rib Lake. He has proven to be a strong friend of the Society. For example, in the spring of 2017 he was cleaning out the old village hall and came across dozens of old rolled documents. Before throwing them out, he invited Bob Rusch to examine the documents. They included truly valuable old maps of the village and the construction blueprints of a “administration building” proposed to be built in the Village in the 1920’s, which was, in fact, never built. |
| Cahow, Adam & Esther  | 1511 Cty. Rd FEau Claire, WI 54703715-835-9324 | Professor Adam Cahow for many years taught glacial geography at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. He has strong ties to Rib Lake. About 1983, he was the first person to lay out the Ice Age Trail in Rib Lake and Taylor County. At that time there was both the Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation and, a separate organization, the Ice Age Trail Council. He was paid by a private trail supporter, Congressman Henry Ruess of Milwaukee. It is the intention of the Rib Lake Historical Society to attempt to scan in photos of his pioneering trail efforts. |
| Carlson, Gary L., The Honorable  | Lake EsadoreRFD 1Medford, WI unlisted—see secure file, | Retired Circuit Court Judge Carlson generously donated a genuine Scribner decimal c scale stick. It is the most commonly used device in Taylor County for calculating the board feet in trees and saw logs. Doc. #15008 |
| Clark, Ben | Archivist Marathon Co. Historical Society410 McIndoe StWausau, WI 54403715-842-5750 | On 2/5/2020 Ben sent four pdf photos of the Jack Mylrea collection at Marathon Co. Historical Society to the Rib Lake Historical Society. This will allow us to use them in the forthcoming display for the Rib Lake village hall on the railroad history of Rib Lake. |
| Clendenning, Gwen D | 331 Almeron StEvansville, WI 53536608-882-0872Gdc6931@charter.net | Gwen is the daughter of Jeanette Clendenning, nee Curran, and granddaughter of Chester Curran and Augusta “Gusty” nee Pries. Her spectacular collection runs from 18871-18950. |
| Clendenning, Lee “Butch” | Rib Lake, WI | Son of Francis “Fran” Clendenning, nee Knop. Loaned a spectacular collection of material to the Society, scanned with beginning number 18651.On 9/20/2015, my good friend “Butch” loaned the Society additional photographs, 19416-19420. When I interviewed him regarding growing up in a building on McComb Avenue just north of the drug store, he explained it was the former office of dentist Ray Mauch; Ray apparently disposed of teeth he has extracted by tossing them in the backyard since Butch found many of them scattered there.  |
| Coleman, Ilene Becker | N9345 Long Lake Rd.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3040 | Ilene, daughter of Mary Becker, is a dear friend and current manager of the Rib Lake Bakery. She loaned photos 19828-19831A showing buildings previously standing at or near the current Rib Lake Bakery. The current bakery, built c. 2014, should not be confused with that long operated by John McRae; McRae’s bakery, in 2016, still stands approximately 200 feet north of the modern bakery. |
| Coyer, Kenneth | 416 S. 4th Street Medford, WI 54451715-748-6891-home715-360-5240-cell |  |
| Curran, Harold A. | 956 N. Front St.Rib Lake, WI 54470427-3713 | Loaned photos 14423 & 14424.In 2011, Harold is a delightful 95 year old, who has returned to Rib Lake, the place of his birth. He comes from one of Rib Lake’s oldest families. His father was the long-time locomotive engineer for the RLLC, Chester Curran. |
| Curran, Tom | 1305 E. 2nd StMerrill, WI 54452715-493-4915 | Tom is an avid Rib Lake local historian. His hunting shack near Wood Lake features a spectacular collection of historic items collected by his father, Harry Curran. |
| Damm, Robert & Judith A | N3004 CTH EMedford, WI 54451715-748-4550Dba Damm Financial Tax & Accounting Services202A S. Main StMedford, WI 54451715-748-5454 | Donated 1943 train wreck photos.In 2016 Judy loaned photos of her grandparents, Frank & Ida Rudolf, aka Rudolph; image 19590 as well as a magnificent family album featuring the Damm Brothers sawmill at Stetsonville. |
| Daniels, Angela | N3487 River Dr. Medford, WI 54451 | Angela Daniels, nee Synol, aka Mrs. Bruce Daniels. Her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. William Niggemann, were long-time owners and operators of “Bill’s Fine Cheese”, which manufactured quality cheese in the Village using locally produced milk. Doc. #16700ff |
| Desris, Joseph “Joe” | Box 4001119 Kennedy StRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5678 | Assorted clippings from scrapbook, beginning at 14479.Joe has also generously donated material from the “Soldiers of Christ,” a Rib Lake based organization founded by his father, John. See image #20461 and following. |
| Dodge, Lynn L. | 108 Bennington Dr.Lynchburg, VA 24503434-384-8060ldodge4748@gmail.comRetired Director ofLynchburg Public Library2315 Memorial Ave.Lynchburg, VA 24501 | Lynn Dodge contacted us after seeing our website and generously loaned a variety of photos from her collection, including Ole Peterson and Nettie Dodge, nee Peterson, materials. |
| Dorgan, Jason | 10848 Blue Mountain Ave.Blue Mounds, WI 53517jedorgan@gmail.com | I first met Jason about 2005, when he ran the entire Ice Age National Scenic Trail – then approximately 1000 miles long. Jason is a hardworking and effective member of the Board of Directors of the Ice Age Alliance and has furnished the Society a variety of photos and documents pertaining to the Ice Age Trail. In December, 2013, he penned these beautiful words: “Though there are many beautiful places in the world, I believe we have a little ribbon through our state that provides as much wonder and joy as any place I have seen.” I cannot think of a more concise and appropriate description of the Ice Age Trail. –RPR |
| Draeger, Ronald | Spencer, WI 715-659-5182 | Ron is an accomplished local historian specializing in the history of Spencer, Wisconsin. He assisted the Rib Lake Historical Society in researching John J. Kennedy’s operation of a sawmill in that village.  |
| Dubois, Valorie | 5017 261st LaneWyoming, MN 55092 | Valorie has made several outstanding gifts to the Society. She has the delightful, generous hobby of acquiring items in antique stores and reuniting the items with individuals or organizations that “should have them.” |
| Duffey, Patty | patty@pattyduffey.com1735 Sebring Hills Dr.Henderson, NV 89052612-875-6691702-763-5528 | Patty is the daughter of Howard J. Rusch, who was the son of Oscar Rusch. Patty generously gifted to RPR a number of wonderful Rusch family history items following the death of Howard in 2012. The gifted items include the spectacular portrait of Herrmann Emanuel Rusch; as of 9/20/2014, the portrait remains framed and for that reason, unscanned. The baptismal certificate of “Oscar Heinrich Rusch” in German and dated 9/28/1890 at St. PaulisKirche at Fairchild, WI is image 16332. Oscar H. Rusch’s German language confirmation certificate is image 16344. I will be forever indebted to Patty for the gift of these spectacular items.  |
| Dums, Irene | W4182 Brehm Ave, Rib Lake 54470 715-427-3488 | June, 2009 loaned extensive collection on Thums and Dums families and St. AnnsChurch---12900ff. In March 2013 she generously loaned more, # 16759ff. |
| Easton, LarrySoo Line Historical & Technical Society, Inc. | 1315 Green Acres Ln.Neenah, WI 54956-4515920-725-4160 mileposts@sbcglobal.net | Soo Line Historical photos |
| Eau Claire Area Research Center | William D. McIntyre LibraryUW-Eau ClaireEau Claire, WI 54702-5010715-836-3873Library.archives@uwec.edu | On Jan. 19, 2011, RPR had pleasant telephone contact with “Lark” at 715-836-2739. The street address is 507 Garfield Ave. You reach the library off of Claremont by going north on State Street, west one block to the UW Visitors Center. By calling at least one day ahead to the Visitors Center, 715-836-2544 or 2003 or 2002, one can obtain a free pass to use the Visitors Center parking lot. The research center is 2 blocks from the Visitors Center.  |
| Eifler-Macura, Halina | Budzow 178A57-215 Srebrna GoraPoland  | In 2019 Halina continues to reside in the small Polish village of Srebrna Gora, named Silberberg while it was in Germany until 1945. Silberberg is adjacent to the Village of Schoenwalde, from which my maternal Gebauer and Steiner relatives emigrated. After Silberberg and Schoenwalde were awarded large portions of Eastern Germany by the Yalta Agreement of 1945, their German occupants were expelled. Halina and her late father have provided invaluable assistance to Bob Rusch in family history matters, including the one-of-a-kind importation of a fire hydrant. After the Germans were expelled, everything in German language visible to the public was torn down and replaced by statements made in the Polish language. The single exception that Bob Rusch noticed in his visits to Budzow were the fire hydrants. In c. 2005 dozens of these fire hydrants, made of cast iron, stood along the public highway running through the Village of Budzow. None of them were then functional and Bob was able to buy one for 150 euros. In 2019, the fire hydrant proudly stands next to the archives of the Rib Lake Historical Society at N8645 CTH C, Rib Lake. Cast into the top of the hydrant is the following: “Silberberg Wasservesorgung,” Silberberg water utility. |
| Eldred, Doreen |  | Doreen, in 2018, is a retired social worker long serving at the Taylor County Human Services Department. She is an active member in the Taylor County Women’s Book Club and has made donations to the Rib Lake Historical Society, including image #21527. |
| Enders, Robert “Bob” A. | 4252 Weymouth Dr. SEGrand Rapids, MI 49508616-455-5381-home616-258-1307-cellRobert.enders53@gmail.com | Bob loaned the Society a truly delightful, comprehensive collection featuring the Enders family, originally pioneer settlers at Wood Lake. Scanning begins with #17173.My father, Herman A. Rusch, was a life-long friend of Bob’s uncle, Joseph Andrew “Joe” Enders. My father had always told me that he and Joe served as cookees at RLLC Camp 14. About 1983 my father and I called Joe, who insisted that he and dad had served at Camp 18. My father – to the best of my recollection – acquiesced. On the other hand, my father told me the cute story about a warm, early spring day at camp; he and Joe Enders looked at a creek, which had just lost its ice; the one dared the other to jump in. They both did so. A lumberjack shouted “get a camera, get a camera.” Lemke Creek runs adjacent to Camp 14 where my father felt he worked with Joe Enders as cookee.Bob has instructed me to return the originals of his material, following scanning to Ms. Peg Tuma, 258 Vincent Street, Medford, 715-748-2406. |
| Enyeart, Bernice | 3086 E. 100 NHuntington, IN 46750260-758-2759crabbyold@yahoo.comRib Lake vacation home:1218 Church St.Rib Lake, WI 54470 | Nov. 4, 2010, donated package of material, including Doc. 14154 “An Account of the Ansorge Family”. RPR is attempting to locate a better copy of this fascinating booklet. She also donated copies of genealogical information on the Herman Carl Klemm family, a portion of which has been scanned in as Doc. 14156. |
| Ernst, Robert |  | Deceased |
| Esselman, Timothy | tvkcess@charternet.nettesselma@smurfit.com | Tim Esselman reports that the Esselman family had one of the first cottages on Big Spirit Lake – constructed in the 1900’s.  |
| Ewoldt, Brad  | 1135 Church Street, Rib Lake, WI 54470 712 540 0340 | Brad is son of M/M Randy Ewoldt nee Hebda. He purchased a former RLLC home at 1135 Church St and while removing linoleum from a second story room found old newspapers including fragments of old Rib Lake Heralds. RPR photographed him and newspapers on site 7/9/2011; Brad also found a fragment of roll material showing the stenciled name “Henry Mathias”. The material was shipped to RL c 1920 when Henry and Elizabeth Mathias owned the structure.Located, inter alia, fragment of Rib Lake Herald, #15017, while removing linoleum in former Tom Hebda house—paper dated 8/15/1930 and exists in no other location. The 2 pages of local news and ads are scanned—see #15017. |
| Faude, Bruce | Perkinstown, WI715-560-1037 | Bruce has informed Bob Rusch that his home near Lake Kathryn at Perkinstown is next to the site of the former tannery that operated at Perkinstown. He reports that over the years he has uncovered artifacts of the tannery. He says he would be more than happy to show the site to historians.  |
| Fifield, Lisa A., nee Rusch | 1835 Pennsylvania Ave. So.St. Louis Park, MN 55426 | A niece of Robert P. Rusch and daughter of Everett A. Rusch. After contracting Lupus and being unable to continue her normal work, she studied art & has become a nationally-known painter, specializing in Native American graphic art. An enrolled member of the Oneida Indian tribe of Wisconsin, her artwork is on display at a variety of public locations, including the Smithsonian Museum, Washington D.C. Three water-color paintings have been included within the photo & document collection by permission, see 16356-16358. The scanned copies within the Society’s collection are greatly reduced in size from the original and fail to do them justice. |
| Finkler, Earl & Chris | 434 Pine St.Medford, WI 54451 |  |
| First Lutheran ChurchAttn: The Rev. Bob Giese | Westboro | Copy of 2010 history of congregation, including photos and names of members. Also includes First Lutheran congregation of Ogema, Wisconsin. |
| Fleming, Steve | W14727 River St.Gilman, WI 54433 | Steve is a retired school teacher and in 2014 serves as the chair of the Town of Jump River, Taylor County, Wisconsin. When I asked his assistance to get photographs of the Jump River area to include in the Arcadia Published book, “Taylor County,” he immediately and positively responded. His photographs are numbered 17753-17756. |
| Fliehs, Harold | N4959 Hetland Ave.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-748-5806 | On 9-20-2012 with LinneHenrickson, Dan & Keith McCluskey joined in day-long field search location Camp 14, Camp 16 & Camp 17 of RLLC. See 16395ff. |
| Fliehs, Steven L. | N6406 Settlement Dr.Medford, WI 54451748-3637965-0723slfliehs@tds.net | Steve and his wife are the owners of a spectacular collection of photographs taken by Cy Clausen. Cy was a registered land surveyor and the owner of the Rib Lake Telephone Co. and a semi-professional photographer. |
| Forest History Association of Wisconsin, Inc. | PO Box 424Two Rivers, WI 54241-0424 |  |
| Franz, Lloyd | 2207 CTH FAthens, WI 54411715-257-7946 | Lloyd donated to the Society a metal bottle cap opener that apparently was distributed to patrons of a business of which the Society currently has no information. The name of the proprietor is on the opener and a brief statement that Ford Motor Company parts may be acquired from it. The estimated date of the distribution of the opener is the 1920’s. Subsequent to the donation, Sarah Nuernberger discovered a variety of advertisements in the Rib Lake Herald revealing that M.D. Hunt sold Ford automobiles and products in the Village of Rib Lake during the era of WWI. |
| Frasher, Franklin | N624 Larson Dr.Owen, WI 54460715-678-2417 | Computer guru. His wife is Dr. Terrie Flandermeyer. |
| Frazier, Susan J., M.D. | 2027 W. Church Rd.Star Prairie, WI 54026715-294-1897 | Dr. Sue discovered in her Town of Westboro home an impressive 3x4 foot plat map of Taylor County dated 1923; she generously donated it to the Society.  |
| Fredenburg, Barbara & Edward | 9875 NE Meadow LoopNewberg, OR 97132509-430-1421-cellbarbfredenburg@verizon.net | Barbara’s extensive collection of the Kennedy family is #14045 through #14148. Barbara is the great-granddaughter of J.J. Kennedy and contacted RPR in May 2010 after she googled “J.J. Kennedy” and learned of the Rib Lake Historical Society. She reports that she and other family members possess other photos and documents of the Kennedy family, which she will share with the Society. Barbara and her husband, Edward, visited Rib Lake and viewed the Kennedy sites on Oct. 7, 2010. They were guests at the Rib Lake Community Club and Barbara was interviewed by Mark Berglund of *The Star News*. |
| Froehlich, Colette | 6819 Blue Jay LnRhinelander, WI 54501715-282-6294 | Colette is a sister to Bernard “Ben” Kauer and the current Kauer family historian. The Kauer collection in the Document & Photo Collection contains family trees prepared and researched by Colette. |
| Fuchs, Dennis & Jill | N5758 Center Dr.Medford, WI 54451715-748-9363 | This outgoing married couple are the owners and operators of Foxy’s Cattail Tap. Dennis, in 2014, serves on the county board and Rib Lake School Board. They have provided a wealth of photos and information on the popular tavern at the junction of County Highway C & M. See images beginning #18390. |
| Funk, Robert W & Jane S | W7694 Hackett RdWhitewater, WI 531900N768 Waverly CtWheaton, IL 60187 | In 2016 Bob is the president of the Ice Age Trail Alliance and played a leadership role in the spectacular creation of the new hiking trail for the Timms Hill Trail northward to Rustic Road 1. |
| Gabriel, Eric | Superintendent, IATNational Park Service360-854-8316-cell700 Rayovac Drive, Suite 100Madison, WI 53711360-854-8316-cell608-441-5610 ext 3 office |  |
| Gebauer, Lila (Ross) | 11692 Maxwell Hill RdLittleton, CO 80127 | This eager and successful historian has married into the Gebauer family. She has provided the Society with a variety of valuable documents shedding light on William Gebauer, born in Schoenwalde, Germany, immigrated, originally settling and homesteading on the short grass prairies at Akron, Colorado, made a brief trip to Whittlesey in 1897 to marry Bertha Steiner, who had been born in Schoenwalde, returned to his homestead with her, and fathered 4 children. Responding to Bertha’s pain and loneliness and separation from her family, they sold the homestead and moved to a dairy farm at Whittlesey, where daughter Martha Hedwig Gebauer was born. Lila’s wonderful donation to the Society includes a spectacular photo of the Franz Gebauer homestead just south of William’s. |
| Genisio, Joel & Nancy | N10052 South Fork RdPhillips, WI 54555-7031 | This couple learned of the Rib Lake Historical Society through its Facebook page and inquired whether it would accept a donation of the 1954 and 1955 yearbook of the Westboro school system. The Society enthusiastically responded with a yes. This generous gift includes a wealth of information regarding the former Westboro High School. Cindy Sommer’s typing the names of the students and staff within the yearbook makes this information word searchable. Ironically, within days of Cindy’s effort, her former mother-in-law, Sharon McNamar, nee Hollister, passed away. Sharon Hollister’s picture and class information is contained within the 1955 yearbook. |
| Gibbons, Robert & Theresa | N3332 CTH QMedford, WI 54451715-748-0991 | Loaned Camp Carter ad. |
| Gierach, Greg W.  | Sussex IMN65 W24770 Main StreetSussex, WI 53089-2651262-246-8022262-246-8423-fax262-424-1566-cellggierach@sussexim.com262-820-2119-direct line | Greg took the time to hunt down our Society and then generously donated three quality historic photographs, scanned in as #20211. |
| Giese, Jo a/k/a Mrs. Robert J. Giese | W4946 STH 86Ogema, WI 54459 |  |
| Gilge, Brad | 7906 Wood Pond TrailCross Plains, WI 53528Bjg888@gmail.com608-616-2792 | Brad’s great-grandmother was Martha Emilie Rusch, who married Julius Gilge. She was an aunt of RPR, but not to be confused with Martha Hedwig Rusch, nee Gebauer. Brad is an accomplished historian and genealogist and has generously contributed material to the Document & Photo Collection.  |
| Gilge, Jim & Gail | 124 Robert St.Schofield, WI 54476 | Jim is a grandson of a Rib Lake pioneer family, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Gilge and Martha Emilie Gilge, nee Rusch. They generously donated the Gilge family tree, #19981. |
| Gilge, Roy | W10570 Cty. Rd. SPhillips, WI 54555715-332-5508 |  |
| Gojmerac, Patricia A. | 930 N. Front St.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5724 |  |
| Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Attn. Fr. Otto Bucher | 513 State Rd. Rib Lake427-5259 | Copy of 1996 directory “Directory of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church,” #13262The name of this congregation was changed following the closure of the parishes at Westboro & Chelsea.Copy of 1996 directory “Directory of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church” The name of this congregation was changed following the closure of the parishes at Westboro & Chelsea. Scan #13262 |
| Gordon, Phyllis |  | This delightful cousin was born a Knop. Loaned photos 13945ff.z |
| Grunewald, Atty. William | Grunewald Law Office128 W. Division St.Medford, WI 54451715-748-2211 | Atty. William Grunewald has long practiced in Medford, WI, with the firm originally named Nikolay, Jensen and Scott. He is an enthusiastic amateur historian, a dear personal friend, and a supporting friend of the Rib Lake Historical Society, having generously given the Society objects such as an historic Wisconsin Central Railroad map, and access to image 15982, the Hotel Winchester. |
| Haas, Colleen | H3273 Raspberry Rd.Unity, WI 54480715-223-6238 |  |
| Hall, Robertd/b/a Railway Negative Exchange | 1496 Los Rios Dr.San Jose, CA 95120 | This gentleman bent over backwards to provide the Society with spectacular 1947 photos of RLLC Locomotive 101. Thanks Bob! |
| Hanke, Allan & Dorothy | W2704 Bear Ave.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3161 | Loaned copy of “The Hanke History Book”, image 13271ff. |
| Hanke, Dan | Oshkosh, WI 414-540-9147dajahallol@yahoo.com | Dan Hanke is a member of a pioneer Rib Lake family. His great-grandfather, Herman Hanke, worked for the founder of Rib Lake, J.J. Kennedy, at one of his pine camps where Matthew Gillis was foreman. His grandfather was George Hanke. His father was Allan Hanke. His mother, Dorothy Hanke, still resides at the very west end of Bear Avenue in the Town of Rib Lake. In January of 2021 Dan loaned to the Society for scanning his 2 volume collection of historic Rib Lake postcards. It is such a phenomenal collection that Bob Rusch intends to use them in a DVD of early Rib Lake.  |
| Hanke, Steven | 1957 Wilderness AveRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-1004 | Steve has an impressive Rib Lake heritage. Here is a list of his paternal genealogy: Greg, Vernon, George and Herman. Herman Hanke worked at the Matt McGillis Pine Camp for J.J. Kennedy in the 1880’s.In 2017 Steve purchased from Paul Hohl the Little Bohemia Bar & Bowling Alley on McComb Avenue. He is working with the Society to display their historic photos and documents. He has loaned to the Society, for scanning into its collection, original documents drafted by “Police Justice” George A. Clark, including affidavits for and arrest warrants where individuals absconded without paying their Rib Lake hotel bill of $1.00. See image #20844. |
| Harding, Rich | N7237 Nehrbass Rd.Athens, WI 54411715-965-0083Rjharding64@hotmail.com |  |
| Harvey, Hollie | 525 Lake StRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3790 | Hollie is the daughter of Jerry Heindl. The Heindl’s operated the Clover Farm Store and adjacent gas station from c. 1940 until its closure in 1968. The store occupied the building that had been the original town hall prior to the incorporation of the village. Later the building was a municipal power plant where a gas engine turned a dynamo generating electricity used in those buildings of the village whose owner wanted it and were willing to pay the fees. The building stood in the SE corner of State Road and Railroad Street.Hollie reported that Herbert Curran at one time leased the Clover Farm Store and operated the nearby gas station.Hollie further reported that the Heindl’s purchased the store from a Mr. Goodman. The store featured groceries, meats and vegetables and was razed about 1972. |
| Hebda, Stanley, Jr. & Judy | 718 Fayette Ave.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3198 |  |
| Heier, Darlene | W5663 Gravel Rd.Medford, WI 54451715-748-3939 | Darlene did one of those important jobs that frequently never get done. She has prepared an index to Arthur J. Latton’s c. 1920 history of Taylor County, “Reminiscences and Anecdotes of Taylor County.” The index can be found at 18532. |
| Hein, John & Aimee | 901 Kennedy StRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3337 | Both have been invaluable, spontaneous friends and supporters of this Society. John has been active in helping to erect historic signs and displays along the Ice Age and Timms Hill Trails, including the spectacular display of the fatal steam hauler accident of March 3, 1914. Aimee is a long-time teller at the Lakewood Credit Union, who not only photographed its 2017 annual meeting, but identified the individuals pictured on each photo. See Doc. & Photo Collection image #21365ff. |
| Heindl, Jack P.,  | 225 Marjorie Lane, Medford, WI 54451 715 748 6877 | Jack donated a sizable collection—the Heindl Collection—in memory of his late uncle Frank Haas. Frank was a native of Rib Lake and died and was buried there in 1958. Never married, Frank worked as the fireman on the Camp 9 steam hauler and took many of the photos in this collection; often Frank worked with Cy Claussen at the latter’s Big Spirit Lake home developing photos which Frank took. As of 9/20/2010 the Heindl collection is numbered 13971 thru 14041 but several negatives are awaiting processing; hard copy of this collection will be filed under, Heindl, Jack P. |
| Heldstab, Duane | W10047 Heldstab Rd.Westboro, WI 54490-9504 | Duane is a long-time resident of the Town of Westboro who approached our book sale booth during the 2014 Ice Age Days. He generously loaned photos, which have been scanned as Image 18332-36. |
| Henrickson, Linne | 5800 Zink Rd. Rib Lake, WI 54470715-748-5792 | On 9-20-2012 with Dan & Keith McCluskey, Harold Fliehs, joined in day-long field search location Camp 14, Camp 16 & Camp 17 of RLLC. See 16395ff. |
| Herron, Marjorie Ann | 804 S.W. 202nd TerraceBeaverton, OR503-641-0279 | Sister of Barbara Fredenburg-great-granddaughter of J.J. Kennedy |
| Hoffman, William “Bill” | N4517 W. Knox Rd.Brantwood, WI 54513 | Bill is a hard-working amateur historian living near the Finnish Cultural Center in rural Brantwood. The Rib Lake Hist. Soc. scanned in portions of his photo album regarding Greywood, aka Graywood, numbered 18121. Many of the photos in his collection were from Wayne Johnson. |
| Holtz, Marlene | N5254 Forest Dr. Rib Lake, WI 54470715-748-5156 | In 2014, Marlene was helping to remodel the Zondlo tavern building at the junction of Hwy C & STH 102. In a cabinet within the bar she found the August 26, 1938 edition of the Rib Lake Herald, an edition which exists in no other location or format. In short, it was a one-of-a-kind, miraculous discovery. See image 18316.  |
| Holzl, Randy | 1309 Railroad St.Rib Lake, WI 715-427-3407 | On 9/28/2018 Randy generously donated to the Rib Lake Historical Society, LLC, a highly noteworthy gift: a 41” long piece of steel formed into a balance scale made by the “P.S.&W. Company” about 1900. By attaching weights of prescribed measure to one end of the scale, and the item to be weighed on the other side, one could determine the weight of the item, such as a sack of flour, when the steel balance beam was level.Randy reported that Kevin Radtke found the item recently at the Radtke home at 1212 Landall Ave, Village of Rib Lake.The scale probably was used by a retailer once doing business in the Village of Rib Lake. Someone like hardware owner John Taylor could have weighed, a pound of nails. Thomas Brehm, d/b/a Brehm’s Food and Feed Co., its building occupying the site where in 2018, Dentist Dean Hussong has his office at 827 McComb Ave., would have had lots of uses for a scale like this. |
| Honnold, Doug & Linda | 1318 Forest Ave.Evanston, IL 60201N631 Cty. Rd. COgema, WI 54459djhonnold@comcast.net847-3288-6901-Evanston home715-767-5508-Spirit847-767-9183-cell | Donated a copy of the book: “The Danielson Family from Sweden and Norway to Southern Price County, Wisconsin and Related Families of Magnuson, Nelson and Peterson. |
| Hurd Windows & Doors | Attn: Scott Albers, Vice President of Operations/Administration575 S. Whelen Ave.Medford, WI 54451715-748-1767715-748-1767-faxScott.albers@hurd.com[www.hurd.com](http://www.hurd.com) | Scott Albers and his associate, April Lucas, Director of Marketing, provided an extraordinary arrangement of material dealing with Hurd history in Medford during our meeting on December 5, 2013. The material is scanned at 17580-17603. |
| Ice Age Trail Alliance | 2110 Main StreetCross Plains, WI | These are my allies and friends in building the 1000 footpath across the State of Wisconsin that will soon pass within 300 feet of the archives of the Rib Lake Historical Society. A variety of friends and staff members there have provided maps and other documentation. |
| Jacobson, David | 629 Decker Dr.West Bend, WI 53090 | David’s father was the late Norman “Jake” Jacobson, who in 2/1948 took a number of spectacular photographs of RLLC Camp 28 in its final months of operation, see photos 20923-20923I. In an outstanding act of generosity, David donated the photographs to the Rib Lake Historical Society. As of 9/10/2017 they are the only photographs of Camp 28 in the possession of the Society. |
| Jadrich, Mike | 21340 Pointe DrRogers, MN 55374612-810-3545jadxyz@comcast.net | Mike is one of the “three Mike’s” who met in Wisconsin’s north woods and “became fast friends through cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and other recreational activities.” See image #19678. The three Mike’s are preparing a movie on the Timms Hill Trudge. |
| Jaecks, Bruce & Ruby | 15000 Cty. Rd UMarathon, WI 54448 | Ruby is the coordinator for the Lincoln Co. Chapter of the IAT; Bruce is the innovative and hands-on volunteer. They have contributed a variety of documents regarding the Marinette, Tomahawk & Western Railroad and its depot at Dunfield, Lincoln Co., Wisconsin.  |
| Jensen, Corliss V | N4256 Crane DriveMedford, WI 54451-9304 | Corliss is a dear friend of the Society and, at age 94 in 2018, still regularly travels to his law office. Amazing! Corliss and Mary Nikolay generously provided image #21691, photographs of the late Attorney Frank L. Nikolay. Corliss and Frank were partners in the unique law firm, Nikolay, Jensen & Scott, that had offices in Medford, Abbotsford and Colby. |
| Johanesen, Craig L | Craig Environmental, LLCEnvironmental Consulting & Management524 Hamilton StreetStoughton, WI 53589608-886-6148-cell608-873-3644-faxcljohanesen@aol.com | Craig is a longtime friend that I first met through our mutual participation in the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association. He has donated items, such as #21095, and the methodology on how to locate online aerial photographs of Wisconsin. Its wonderful to have friends like Craig. |
| Johnson, Jeanette | 613 McIndoe St.Wausau, WI 54401 | Jeanette is an avid and highly successful Knop family member and genealogist. The photo & document collection contains many items created by her, including 18251. |
| Johnson, John M. | W2045 County Rd MRib Lake, WI 54470 | John is an avid local historian who resides with his wife Elizabeth “Lily” in the Town of Greenwood. He provided the Society with an insightful article he authored, #22090A regarding his experience in Wisconsin while WWII was raging elsewhere.  |
| Johnson, Wayne | RFDOgema, WI  | Wayne is the grandson of Peter Johnson, the first post master of Graywood, Wisconsin. He resides on the former Peter Johnson farm on the SE NE Section 24, 34 North, 3 East, Town of Spirit. See map 18119. Wayne has a spectacular collection of historic photos, many of which were scanned in through the William “Bill” album 18121.As of June 1, 2014, there exists a dispute over the proper spelling of the community, whether Graywood or Greywood. The Rib Lake Hist. Soc. will use both spellings. It will use the spelling provided by the source.  |
| Justice, Mrs. Guy (nee Peterson) | N8916 Grittner St.Westboro, WI 54490427-3148 | Attended inaugural slideshow of Rib Lake Historical Society photo presentation at Westboro Public Library in March 2012. Loaned photographs scanned as #15834-15839. Items returned by Lorraine Killion on Sunday, September 2, 2012. |
| Kalmon, Stephen Lars | N2838 Winter Sports Rd.Withee, WI 54498715-785-7178 | Steve is the originator of a unique Taylor County history. He combined into three binders a topical history of the county written by over 50 individuals. He completed this gigantic project in 2014.Steve has a deep interest in the glacial period and the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. The Document & Photo Collection contains a number of items authored by Steve, including a colored map of glacial features at 19342. |
| Kauer, Bernard “Ben”& Pearl | W1220 Wood Lake Ave.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3622 | Loaned photos and items re Mud Lake. |
| Kenny, Debbie, nee Clendenning | 21953 W. Michele Ln.Antioch, IL 60002847-395-4706debpatkenny@yahoo.com | This wonderful, extensive collection focuses on the Clendenning and Donner families of Rib Lake. Debbie learned of the Rib Lake Historical Society online and generously initiated contact through the public library, which resulted in her donating the original items to the Society. |
| Killion, Lorraine A. | N8645 CTH CRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5058 | Donated RL Herald edition c 1971; also did masterful job in proof reading thousands of page of the Anno Chrono. |
| Kissinger, Tricia & Karl | 1321 S. Alicia Dr.Appleton, WI 54914920-840-8295tkissinger@athenet.net | Tricia is the daughter of the late Mike Zielke and the granddaughter of the family that long-operated Zielke’s grocery store on McComb Ave. in the Village of Rib Lake. Tricia and Karl are dear friends with wonderful values, including a deep appreciation of public non-motorized recreation trails. Ann and I had a chance meeting with them at the Rusch Preserve about 2000. Three primitive campsites had just been constructed there. The Kissingers came up with a beautiful name for the campsites, “stilleNacht.” We all know this lilting Christmas carol identified in English: “Silent Night, Holy Night.” |
| Klimeck, John Sr. | N6040 CTH CRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5478 | Donated History of the Town of Chelsea—in 4 parts, published in the Star News c 1950. Author town clerk Knauth |
| Kobielush, Carol, nee Youngquist | N8464 Old Highway 13 Rd.Westboro, WI 54490715-427-5432 | Sister of the late Walter G. Youngquist, parents born in Sweden |
| Komarek, Renee L., nee Bleck | 754 Kennedy St.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-905-0106 | Renee is a grand-daughter of Anna Rusch Bleck and Robert Bleck, Sr. She is a keen family historian. |
| Konz, Lawrence “Larry” | 2343 W. Prospect Ave.Appleton, WI 54914920-734-9913Rkonzr@att.net | Larry is the grandson of Rib Lake pioneer Stephen A. Konz and the retired president of Konz Wood Products, 616 W. Perkins St, Appleton, WI. After Stephen A. Konz left Rib Lake, c. 1915, he went to the Appleton, WI area and established wood-working plants that manufactured a variety of products, including cheese boxes. While box production ceased in 1965, Konz Wood Products has flourished into a highly-successful and diverse company. The photo & document collection includes several of its advertisements. |
| Kortenkamp, Daniel J., Ph.D.Emeritus Professor | Dept. of PsychologyUW-Stevens Point 54481715-344-5844dkortenk@uwsp.edu | 14896ff |
| Knop, Allen | 1908 Dondee Rd.Madison, WI 53716608-224-4664608-572-1443 – cell  | Allen’s siblings include Michael Knop and Phyllis Nordgren, nee Knop. He is the grandson of Albert Knop, the step paternal grandfather of Bob Rusch. His contributions to the Society’s website include an interesting autobiography.  |
| Knop, Michael | 4856N WoodburnWhitefish Bay, WI 53217414-964-0961 | Bob Rusch’s cousin “Mike” has contributed a fascinating autobiography and stories of life on the farm of his grandfather, Albert Knop, who married Bob Rusch’s grandmother, Ida Rusch, after the death of his first wife and her first husband.  |
| Krause, Henry | N8250 Silver Creek Rd.Westboro, WI 54490715-427-3246 | Henry is the son of Westboro pioneers Merwin & Nellie Krause. He generously provided photos 21006-21006B. |
| Kriehn, Catherine | 740 McComb AveRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5065 |  |
| Kroll, Nancy Ann, f/k/a Mrs. Dale Strobach | 827 McComb Ave.Rib Lake, WI 427-5455 | Nancy comes from a pioneer Rib Lake farm family, the Kroll’s. Their farm was on the west side of CTH C ½ mile south of Fawn Avenue. Nancy explained that Kroll is Polish for “rabbit.”While married to Dale Strobach, she and Dale owned and operated the family market food store on the west side of McComb Avenue immediately south of the vacant lot in the SW corner of Landall and McComb; the vacant lot formerly had been the site of Ma Dodge’s Café. While married, the food store was known as Dale’s Supermarket. Nancy operated the store for several years following the divorce as Nancy’s Family Store.Nancy has loaned a variety of indispensible photographs to the Society, including a picture of “The Fair,” a department store long situated on the SE corner of Landall and McComb and operated by Phillip Marcus, the only known Jewish merchant to run a business in the Village. |
| Krolnik, Ms. Marie A. nee Kathrein, a/k/a MrsKrolnik, Max | 828 Lake Shore DriveRib Lake, WI 54470828 Lakeshore DriveRib Lake, WI 54470 715 427 5702  | #14778. Laborers at Rib Lake tannery c. 1904. RPR’s grandfather, Herrmann Emanuel Rusch, then worked there and should be on the photo. As of 6-28-2011 he cannot be positively identified, although he appears to be in the bottom row, second from left. RPR 6/28/2011.In 2012 Ms. Krolnik generously donated to the RL Library her stunning collection of RL High School commencement materials—scanned copies of which are in the Photo & Document Collection. |
| Krueger, Kathleen D. | 9090 Neill Lake Rd.Eden Prairie, MN 55347952-941-8436kdkrueger@earthlink.net | This highly competent, amateur genealogist authored the 12/21/2006 correspondence to Francis “Frannie” Clendenning, nee Knop. Letter scanned as 18238 and is followed by additional work by Kathleen demonstrating the origin of a number of Rib Lake pioneer families in or around Plotzig, Rummelsburg, Pomerania. |
| Krueger-Nickel, Marlene | N1771 Catherine WayWaupaca, WI 54981715-256-6377Seeker924@hotmail.com | Cousin to William Wallace. As of Dec. 1, 2011, Rusch is awaiting Marlene’s choice of a weekend when she will bring a Krueger album to the Society for scanning.  |
| Kudick, John | Rural RouteMerrill, WI 54452715-539-2993 | On January 3, 2020, I spent a delightful afternoon with John Kudick and Gene Woller. For the past 17 years John has been the chairman of the Town of Corning town board. He is an avid local historian and has done an amazing service in locating heretofore lost railroad grades of the Rib Lake Lumber Co. by carefully studying aerial photographs. He owns the site of RLLC Camp 20. |
| Kuehling, Dennis & Carol | PO Box 98231 E. Cook St.Unity, WI 54488715-223-3254-home715-613-3506-cell | 13365ff |
| Kulinski, Christopher | N342 8 ½ AveLublin, WI 54447 | Christopher “Chris” Kulinski is a dear friend of the Rib Lake Historical Society and a staunch supporter. In 2002 he traveled to Poland and visited the Village of Budzof, formerly known as Schoenwalde and the ancestral home of the Gebauer and Steiner families, relatives of Bob Rusch. He was able to obtain the address for Regina Gebauer, the mother of Franz-Josef Gebauer. Chris’ spectacular discovery led to a family reunion after a 137 year separation when Bob Rusch, the son of Martha Gebauer, met a distant cousin, Franz-Josef Gebauer, and his wonderful family in Guetersloh, Germany in 2003.  |
| Kulka, Matt | 7979 W. Forest Hill Ave.Franklin, WI 53132 | Matt Kulka is a grandson of Joseph Kulka, pioneer Town of Rib Lake settler. My father, Herman Rusch, loved to tell this story about Mr. Kulka: It was about 1915 and Herman’s step-father, Albert Knop, had decided to build a fence between the Kulka and Knop farm to keep the cattle in. He hired a surveyor to run the line to make certain the fence was built on the proper location. The day the surveyor was there was a blistering hot sunny day. My dad and Mr. Kulka worked with the surveyor to cut the trees and brush to allow the surveyor to do his work. After the surveying was completed, Mr. Kulka said to Herman in broken German: “Besser dass mich in de Sonne gebrant, en mosquitoes mich gerfessen!” It is better for me to be baked in the sun than consumed by the mosquitoes!Mr. Kulka was referring to the fact that hordes of mosquitoes had pestered my father and him as they cut through the underbrush. –RPR |
| Kuse Farm Museum &Nature PreserveHildegard Kuse& Loretta Kuse | W6219 Allman Ave.Medford, WI 54451715-748-3684hjkuse@tds.net<http://kuse.medford.k12.wi.us/main/index.html> |  |
| Laher, Mrs. KathyNee Curran | W4122 CTH OMedford, WI 54451715-748-2629 | Donated c. 1900 United States Leather Co. bark ledger on 5/2012 to Rib Lake Historical Society, LLC.In 2019 Kathy Laher, nee Curran, generously reached out again to the Society, both donating items and allowing the Society to scan from her late father’s, Harry Curran’s, extensive photo collection. Her uncle, Chester Curran, was the well-known engineer of the steam locomotives of the Rib Lake Lumber Co. Her grandfather was a long-time constable for the Village of Rib Lake, Herb Curran. In 2019 her mother, Faye Curran, is a spry 93-year-old living alone in the Town of Rib Lake after a long, successful career teaching in the Rib Lake School District. Her brother, Tom Curran, has assisted the Rib Lake Historical Society in many ways, including using his metal detector to locate railroad spikes and other iron objects by which he and Bob Rusch were able to trace the Camp 8 railroad spur through a regrown forest that had no other evidence visible to the naked eye that a railroad had ever existed there.  |
| Leonhardt, Lucy | W6297 Mulberry Ln.Medford, WI 54451715-748-0170715-748-2260 – work | Lucy’s maiden name was Slachetka. She grew up on her parent’s farm on the south side of Mulberry Lane one mile west of STH 13. Lucy reports that there is still clearly evident on the farm an old railroad grade running east to west.Lucy loaned to the Society the abstract which contained documents confirming that a railroad company, the Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls & Northeaster, later, Chicago, ST. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, “Omaha Line,” had registered documents allowing it to build through the Slachetka property. For details consult “The Twelve Railroads of Taylor County, Wisconsin.” |
| Lind, Daniel & Jean | W2337 Wood Lake AveRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5449 | Jean Lind, nee Hebda, is an active member of the Taylor County Genealogical Society. On 9/28/2011 Dan faithfully serves as the Rib Lake Postmaster. He obtained the information that the Rib Lake Post Office was opened in 1885 “in Kennedy’s store” and Duncan McLennan was its first Postmaster. |
| Lind, Josh | PO Box 418Rib Lake, WI 54470715-905-0318 |  |
| Lind, Luann & Darrel | N1169 German Settlement RdOgema, WI 54459 | Luann Lind’s letter, 13460A, 4-1-2010, explains circumstances of her discovery of Thomas Brehm letter, 8-20-1909, Doc. 13460. In May, 2010, she serves as president of the German Settlement Historical Society. |
| Lucia, Robert L. “Bob” | Box 135N9018 Lucia Rd.Westboro, WI 54490715-427-5730 | Bob is the reigning historical patriarch of the Westboro area and a dear friend. He has contributed both written material, for example, Doc. #15257, as well as artifacts, including a 1920 kerosene lantern once used by engineer Curran of the Rib Lake Lumber Co. railroad. One of the most unique artifacts is a steel arm used in the former switch operated by the RLLC to start the spur line to Camp 8.Bob’s extensive collection has been scanned in, image #15555ff and returned with thank you. |
| Lundeen, Phyllis | 3rd Street, Wausau 715 427 3773 | Daughter of Clarence Lundeen—long-time Soo Line engineer residing in Westboro; granddaughter of Jake Lundeen, pioneer Westboro Hotel & tavern owner |
| MacDonald, Allan J. | 19560 4th Rd. Kenyon Twp. RR 5Alexandria, Ontario, Canada K0C 1AOdorniemac@gmail.com | Allan is a direct, blood descendant of the illustrious MacDonald family. He contacted the Society in July of 2013. He and his forefathers reside in Glengarry County, Ontario, close to the former J.J. Kennedy home.Cindy Sommer notes that the spelling of his relatives that worked in Rib Lake during the Kennedy era was “McDonald.”A mystery has arisen regarding the spelling of the name MacDonald. The name is spelled McDonald upon occasion. For example, in July 2013 the Society acquired a publication identifying the names of those receiving patents on real estate in the Rib Lake area. At least one such patent was for a McDonald. |
| Madden, John R. | Superintendent, National Park ServiceUS Dept. of InteriorIce Age National Scenic Trail700 Ray-O-Vac Dr., Suite 100Madison, WI 53711608-441-5610608-441-5606-faxjohn\_madden@nps.gov |  |
| Magnuson, Donna (Mrs. Lester) | N666 CTH C, Ogema, WI767 5734 | June, 2009 loaned extensive collection photos and Rib Lake High School yearbooks, #13000ff |
| Magnuson, Joan and Herbert  | W 2166 Forest Drive,Ogema 715 767 5480 | 7/9/09 gave RPR tie and kind note on Spirit Methodist Church note card.In June, 2018, Herb and Joan Magnuson have provided a wonderful collection of material scanned in beginning with image #21456. On 6/30/2018 Herb presented to the Society perhaps its most unique and note-worthy gift, a portion of the band saw blade of the Rib Lake Lumber Company. Herb explained that it was given to him in 1965 by long-time Rib Lake resident Stanley Szflarsky. Stanley had obtained the saw blade portion following the closure of the mill in 1948. There is a small crack two inches long, in the approximately foot wide saw blade. Bob Rusch theorizes that the crack was noticed when the blade was sharpened and the five foot section removed and replaced. Stanley wanted to Herb Magnuson to make a knife out of this high quality steel, an assignment Herb never got around to doing. A photograph of this spectacular gift will be scanned in the future.  |
| Manion, Lori | Administrator, Rib Lake School District1236 Kennedy AveRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3222 | Lori has aided the Rib Lake Historical Society in many ways. For example, she has established the policy that anything being offered as a historical gift to the district will be made available for scanning by the Society. |
| Marathon County Historical Society | Gary Gisselman, Librarian410 McIndoe StWausau, WI 54403715-842-5750-phone715-848-0576-faxMarathoncountyhistory.org | This wonderful Society has provided assistance to the RLH Soc on many occasions, for example, the A.P. Woodson material is Doc. #21035 and following.The Society’s archives also contain the amazingly informative photograph albums and biographical information prepared by John Mylrea detailing his long career in Wisconsin forestry, including his 1936-1945 service as general manager of the Rib Lake Lumber Co.Among the Society’s wonderful staff is my good friend, Gary Gisselman. |
| Marcis, Dave & Helen | 715-427-5879828-684-8607PO Box 645Skyland, NC 28776 | Dave & Helen have a delightful summer home on Big Spirit Lake. They single-handedly saved the Camp 28 Restaurant from financial hard times and are major enthusiastic community supporters. They loaned the spectacular 3’ panoramic photo of the 1926 RLLC mill and dry yard crew, image 18694, for scanning, as well as other invaluable material.On 3/15/2019 Dave Marcis informed Bob Rusch that he is putting up for sale the Camp 28 Restaurant and Motel. It contains an outstanding photograph collection of Rib Lake history.  |
| Marschke, Bryan & Dawn | 411 Maple StreetRib Lake, WI  | In 2/2021 Bryan was remodeling his home at and found in an exterior stud a German language newspaper, “Excelsior” published in Milwaukee. Printed material in it dated this edition to the summer of 1915. It contained numerous ads offering farm land available in north Wisconsin, including Henry Niggemann’s offer to sell his 80 acre farm “3 miles from Rib Lake” for $5390. See 23017A and English translations.  |
| Marschke, Carl |  |  On 7/9/2011 RPR photographed Marschke’s boyhood home on old STH 102 VRL now owned by Cameron Thums—son of Doug Thums |
| Marx, Howard & Mary Lou | W1406 Wood Lake Ave.Rib Lake, WI 54470920-407-0706 | Howard has been very helpful to the Society in facilitating access to the phenomenal historical artifacts of Rib Lake pioneers, Opal Bailey, her father Fred Bailey and her brother Frank, “Beatle,” Bailey. |
| Mathias, Daniel C.  | 3016 Popp AveMarshfield, WI 54449 715 384 2367 cell 920 621 3896 | Holds Ph. D. in psychology. Born in 1925 in Rib Lake to Henry and Elizabeth Mathias; brother to Hattie (Mrs Elmer) Taylor. Avid local historian; moved from RL in 1944 to enter Army; worked at camp 26. RPR photographed, mapped and collected dinner plate fragment, tin can and railroad spikes from Camp 26 with Dan 7/10/11. |
| Mathias, Joyce | 101 N. Heritage CircleBurnsville, MN 55337952-890-1030 | Joyce is the daughter of Ed Synott, the last woods superintendent, “walking boss,” of the Rib Lake Lumber Company. She is a graduate of the Rib Lake High School. From time to time the Society receives spectacular donations. On March 1, 2017, Joyce did that by donating professionally taken 1940 photographs of the RLLC woods operations at Camp 24, where caterpillar diesel D-4 tractors were first put to work skidding logs.  |
| Mathias, Glenn & Darlene | N9465 Spirit Lake RdRib Lake, 54470 427 5767 | Son of Henry and brother of Daniel Mathias; home on Big Spirit next to former Elmer and Hattie Taylor cottage. His father Henry purchased Camp 26 after its closure and Glenn owns that land in 2011 but all old camp buildings are gone; the camp well still stands. |
| Mauch, Jeff | N630 STH 102Ogema, WI 54459715-767-5862 | Son of Lulu and Jim Mauch, operators of the Spirit Lake Tavern until its destruction by fire October 23, 1997. Photo of tavern and fire is 16,881-16,882.Tavern was a modern reconstruction of the (Little) Spirit Lake Hotel run by the Mais family and others. |
| Mayer, Diane E.  | 7030 N. Poplar Rd.West Bend, WI 53090262-675-6531262-689-4182-celllittleditty@charter.net262-416-0049-fax | Diane is the granddaughter of Michael Schwartz, Town of Rib Lake Road Boss and good friend of Herman A. Rusch. As of Dec. 1, 2011, Society awaits Diane’s furnishing her photo collection and other material for scanning.As of 11/11/12, the Diane Mayer collection consists of images 16468-16505. |
| McCluskey, Joan & Daniel  | N5190 Maple Rd.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-748-5677 | As of 4/23/2010, the name McCluskey does not appear in the index to photos and documents. On 9-20-2012 with LinneHenrickson, Keith McCluskey, Harold Fliehs, joined in day-long field search location Camp 14, Camp 16 & Camp 17 of RLLC. See 16395ff. |
| McCluskey, Keith | N5084 Maple Rd. Rib Lake, WI 54470715-748-0622 | On 9-20-2012 with LinneHenrickson, Dan McCluskey, Harold Fliehs, joined in day-long field search location Camp 14, Camp 16 & Camp 17 of RLLC. See 16395ff. |
| McRae, Mr. V.J. | 25683 John Rd.Olmsted Falls, OH 44138 |  |
| Meier, Albert | N394 Meier Rd.Ogema, WI 54459-8436715-564-3341 | “Al” is one of the patriarchs of the great Meier clan of German Settlement, Price County. He played a key role in locating the sites of RLLC Camps 5, 10 & 13. |
| Meier, Kathy A. | kaseykathy@clearwire.net9728 34th Ave. SWSeattle, WA 98126206-932-3337 | I hear from my Hein relatives that the Rib Lake Centennial book is being revised and that Robert Rusch may be looking for pictures. Didn’t you and Marvin work on something with him recently? If you have his contact information, would you let him know that I have some photos that might be of interest? While I don’t have as many items for the Heins/Vlachs/Rib Lake as I do for Meiers/Marheines/Olsens/Spirit, I do have some photos featuring logging and trapping themes in addition to the usual portraits and pictures of farms/houses in the Rib Lake area. Thanks, Kathy. |
| Meier, Marvin | 4901 Blackberry Dr.Wausau, WI 54401-8435715-355-9034 |  |
| Meier, The Rev. Michael L. & Toni | 4700 SW Hollyhock Cir. #203Corvallis, OR 97333715-657-0236 | Pastor Meier’s wife is Toni. In August 2019, this delightful couple moved to Corvallis, Oregon, to spend their senior years with children. I cannot say enough about the scope and importance of local history preserved by this couple who were the major founders of the German Settlement Historical Society. In 2019 they worked with the Society to rename itself as the Spirit Historical Society. At the same time, the Society arranged to move its archives and buildings to real estate adjacent to the Spirit Town Hall on the north side of STH 86. An example of the invaluable history preserved by the Meier’s is Doc. #22145, the 2/1/1916 pamphlet by George Meyer, formerly of the Town of Spirit, who had moved to Calvary, WI, and published a pamphlet under the name of a corporation Meyer created and named Farmers Farm & Land Association. |
| Melaski, Violet “Vi” | 306 STH 102Rib Lake, WI 54470 | #16707. A/k/a Mrs. Robert Melaski, nee Schlais. Vi’s parents were long-term owners and operators of Schlais Clothing store on the west side of McComb Ave. Clothing store closed c. 1980 and was remodeled into an apartment owned in 2013 by Robert Frombach, Jr.  |
| Memorial Health CenterAn Aspirus Partner | Attn: Stephanie Dray, Marketing Communications Specialist135 S. Gibson St.Medford, WI 54451715-785-8100715-748-8189[www.memhc.org](http://www.memhc.org) | Stephanie has been wonderful to work with; she promptly supplied a variety of materials for consideration regarding the Arcadia “Taylor County” book project. The following is a summary provided by Stephanie: **About Memorial Health Center:** Memorial Health Center, an Aspirus partner, is a nonprofit health care organization that serves Taylor, Price and Clark counties in northcentral Wisconsin. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission, and is a critical access, Level III trauma Care Center. In addition to the hospital, the organization includes primary care clinic locations in Gilman, Medford, Phillips, Prentice and Rib Lake, a specialists clinic, a retail pharmacy; two therapy centers; a public fitness center; Kidney Care (dialysis center); a continuum of Senior Care Services; and it is a satellite campus location for the Aspirus Heart & Vascular Institute and the Aspirus Joint Replacement Center. [www.memhc.org](http://www.memhc.org); [www.aspirus.org](http://www.aspirus.org). |
| Merrill Historical SocietyBeatrice A. Lebal, President | 102 E. Third St.Merrill, WI 54452715-536-5652merrillhs@frontier.com[www.merrillhistory.org](http://www.merrillhistory.org) | The Society has an extensive collection of photographs regarding logging. Michael Weckwerth and RPR chose photographs #14213-216 for inclusion within the photo and document collection. |
| Mickelson, David M. | Emeritus Professor & Senior ScientistDept of GeoscienceUniversity of Wisconsin-Madison1215 West Dayton St.Madison, WI 53706608-262-7863608-262-0693-faxdavem@geology.wisc.edu | Dr. Mickelson is an expert in glacial geography. In 2015 he hiked the proposed route of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. He confirmed that the proposed bifurcation of the trail in the SW NE, Section 13 33 2 East would be at the maximum extent southward of the Wisconsin glacier about 1800 years ago. One fork of the trail will be on top of a high ridge made up of rock, stone, sand and soil, all of which was of a glacial origin. The other fork of the trail will be through a hemlock-white cedar wetland at the base of the high ridge; the existence of glacial ice there prevented the deposition of glacial till or other material. |
| Mid-Wisconsin BankRib Lake Branchc/o Dawn Schupp | 717 McComb Ave.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5234 | Collection beginning #13900 including biographical note on J.J. Kennedy |
| Minarciny, Mary Lou, nee Zondlo, (Mrs. Steve Minarciny) | N9021 STH 102Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5482 | Her collection begins with image 13284, including clipping re Zondlo’s Bar &Ballroom and photographs. Her parents were Frank and Luci “Lucianne” Zondlo, who co-owned Zondlo’s Bar with George & Vicky Zondlo, beginning in 1937. |
| Misener, Donna M & LeRoy | W3122 Rustic Rod.Rib Lake, WI 54451715-427-5708 | The Misener’s are dear friends and generously donated, among other things, copies of the 1981 centennial newspaper coverage.  |
| Mohr, Penny |  | Penny has collected and put together an exhaustive history of her family, the Mohr family, and relatives, the Franz, Blennert and Scheithauer’s. Some of this exhaustive collection has been scanned as 22173 and following. To the best of my knowledge, the Mohr family rivals the Zondlo’s in long serving the public through an old family, local, family-owned, bar and baseball park, originally called Mohr’s “Maple Knoll.” In 2019, it continues to stand on State Highway 102 at the outlet of Little Spirit Lake.  |
| Moon, Robert L. & Barbara | PO Box 151Brodhead, WI 53520608-558-7974Swi3@frontier.com | Robert L. Moon is a dear friend of Bob Rusch; for many years he was a deputy for the Taylor County Sheriff’s Dept. After resigning from the force, he became a licensed private investigator and did a truly stellar job of investigating cases and preparing them for trial at the Rusch & Rusch Law Office.Barbara Moon is a Rib Lake native, the daughter of Ewald Nelson, whose 3-year accident free pin issued by the Rib Lake Lumber Co. was a spectacularly generous donation to the Rib Lake Historical Society. |
| Moxon, Judy | W1793 Little Spirit Dr.Rib Lake, WI 715 427 3265 | Judy is a dear friend and long-time clerk for the Town of Rib Lake. She has made numerous contributions regarding the history of the Spirit Lake area, including #14837. |
| Nagel, Paul | 722 E. Fillmore Ave.Eau Claire, WI 54701 | Loaned copy of *Memories of Jacob S. Summy*. |
| Nelson, Carl &Lorraine “Dorothy” |  | Lorraine “Dorothy” is a daughter of Carl Yorde and grew up at the Yorde homestead utilizing former buildings of RLLC Camp 18 in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Carl Nelson was a long-time employee of Peterson Construction, a company of Medford, and loaned the magnificent photo collection, scanned as 20209 ff. |
| Nelson, Margaret | 916 Fayette Ave.Rib Lake, WI 54470427-5865 | 13445-13451 |
| Nelson, Stuart “Stu” | delayersjn@aol.com | Stu Nelson is a renowned railroad historian specializing in the history of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste Marie Railroad, the Soo Line. He resides in Minnesota and provided the Society with image #16665, a writing authoritively defining railroad terms, including “way freight.” |
| Newman, Paul & Barbara Howard | 720 Ella StreetRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5520 | Howard was a long-time employee of the Soo Line Railroad. The Newman’s have generously donated a variety of railroad photographs to the Society, including 22680 and 22681, as well as an invaluable encyclopedia of railroad maintenance published c. 1940. |
| Nordgren, Phyllis (Mrs. Gordon) | 632 S. 16th Ave.West Bend, WI 53095Cottage3076 Rustic Road No. 1Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-0476 | 4/7/09 loaned photo collection |
| Nowak, Kenneth & Darlene | 716 Holden Rd.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5796 | Business records of Peter Lieg.  |
| Obenhoffer, Dorothy, nee Thums | W4518 Brehm Ave.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-748-4326 | 5/20/2009 loaned book full of old photos. |
| O’Connell, Diane S. & Patrick J.  | 9259 Norris DriveHobart, Indiana 46342doconnell637@gmail.com219-789-6622-cell715-427-3466 | Diane’s maiden name was Witt. Her parents purchased, about 1945, lots on Big Spirit Lake on the eastern terminus of North Road in the Town of Rib Lake. An old wood-frame structure stood on the property. The structure included a sign reading “Leisure Hours.”The structure was razed in 1974 and replaced with a new cabin. For many years the Witts drove to Cy Claussen’s home on the east side of the lake, where the Witts parked. The Witts rented a boat from Cy and boated their baggage to their land; the boating was easier than trying to come down a steep hill between North Road and the cabin. |
| Ohlsson, Renny & Judy | 944 Pierce AveOshkosh, WI 54902920-233-4499920-573-0633-cell rjohlsson@new.rr.comSummer home:N7585 Peche DriveRib Lake, WI  |  |
| Olkives, Neal & Isabel | W1971 Wilderness Ave.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3611 | For many years, this couple operated Olkives Lakeview Resort on Big Spirit Lake. It was a classical resort with a tavern, attached restaurant and game room. It also featured cabins, one of which was “winterized.” Their collection of material begins at image 18380. When they sold the business in the 1990’s, it marked the end of an era of the small family-owned resorts which once dotted nearly every local lake. |
| Pace, Gene & Joyce E. | 3763 S. Bainbridge Dr.Bloomington, IN 47401 | Joyce Elizabeth Pace, nee Cunningham.Loaned Wis. Central Railroad locomotive photos 15549-15552, which Joyce inherited from her great-uncle, Alfred W. Follett, long-time Wis. Central Railroad engineer. Al Follett and his wife, Amy, had a summer cottage on South Harper Lake, built in 1921. Each photo was professionally done and is of archival quality. Photo 15549 is especially valuable since Wis. Central Historian Roy L. Martin – in his own handwriting – has added explanatory comments on the back of the photo.  |
| Parks, Mr. & Mrs. Ramon & Marion | 831 Kennedy St.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3271 |  |
| Patrick, Bev & Michael | W3746 W. Rib Rd.Westboro, WI 54490715-427-5260 | With their son, Kyle, owners and operators of Patrick Fur Farm. |
| Patrick, Rose C. | N. Pearl St.Rib Lake, WI 54470 | 3/2009—loaned Camp Carter photos and ad |
| Peche, Gloriette | 302 East Rd.Rib Lake, WI 54470-9777 | #14928 |
| Peck, Kerry | 3781 County Rd 71Killen, AL 35645-6409256-503-5905 | With his associate, Brian Smith, Kerry has founded a de facto historical and genealogical society regarding immigrants from the small village of Mocker, formerly in Silesia, Germany. Kerry’s relatives immigrated from Mocker with the name Peche, which was anglicized to Peck. In October, 2017 Kerry & Brian visited Rib Lake, and with the help of Craig Scheithauer, had supper with approximately 50 descendants of the Mocker immigrants at the Rib Lake fire hall. His email address is in the Society’s computer. |
| Peters, Steve | W2445 Rustic RoadRib Lake, WI 54470715-560-0163 | Steve is one of the best “hands on” helpers to the Society. For example, he has dug the holes for posts on which historic markers were erected in the Rusch Preserve. |
| Peterson, James “Jim” Richard | Medford, WI | DOB 4/28/1936. Jim & Jack Peterson are the grandsons of James George Peterson, 1887-1948, who served as the walking boss for the RLLC in 1934, conducted a variety of jobber camps for the RLLC, logged off Devil’s Island in Lake Superior and was the founder of James Peterson & Sons. In 2013, the original Peterson firm thrives as an LLC and has spawned a variety of other prosperous companies, such as Peterson Concrete of Medford. The 4th and 5th generations of Petersons are now working with Jim and Jack. I had the pleasure of spending an afternoon with them on 12/21/2013 and quickly concluded neither will ever retire because they’ve learned how to handle the stress of the job and thrive on it.  |
| Peterson, John “Jack” M.  | Medford, WI  | DOB 12/5/1939. See James Peterson above. |
| Peterson, John G | 1221 Manitoba Ave.South Milwaukee, WI 53172-0031414-324-1068 | See photos 12096ff |
| Peterson, Joyce (Mrs. Edward) | 427-3156W4876 Cty. Rd. DWestboro, WI 54490 | Caretaker of the Westboro VFW/Conservation Club. Get permission from her to scan |
| Peterson, Larry G., W6675 Perkinstown Ave., Medford, 54451, 715 785 7650.  | Zoning Dept., Taylor Co. Courthouse S. 2nd StreetMedford, WI 54451 748 1485 | Resident of Town of Westboro and reports knowledge of locations of old logging dams; on 7/9/11 RPR wrote and requested Larry to map locations. |
| Peterson, Ruth Marie | Oakwood VillageWest Tower6209 Mineral Pt. Rd.Madison, WI 53705-4556 | Mother of Karen Baumgartner, nee Batzer.Authored Maps, 7-2009, RLV residents c. 1930 – Doc. #13240 |
| Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce | Jeanna M. Johnson, Ex. Director305 S. Lake AvePhillips, WI 54555715-339-4100715-339-4190-faxdirector@phillipswisconsin.net | It has been a pleasure to work with Jeanna regarding improved publicity re Timms Hill and the Timms Hill Trail. |
| Pipkorn, Lillian “Lil” Alberta Pipkorn, a/k/a Mrs. Henry Pipkorn | W4217 CTH DWestboro, WI 54490715-427-5422DOB 5-17-1922 | Lillian is the vivacious matriarch of the Peterson clan of Westboro. Her collection was scanned in March 31, 2011, as documents 14682-14712. |
| Pleus, Shirley & Patrick | W5274 STH 64Medford, WI 54451715-748-4366 | Shirley’s late parents operated a general store in the heart of Westboro. In 2013 it is occupied by Douglas Thums, d/b/a The Other Corner. See photo 17138. |
| Plude, Jeanette | 645 Maple Ct. Apt. 104Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3349 | A retired school teacher, Jeanette and her husband Larry enjoy retirement, living in the Village of Rib Lake. Jeanette donated image 16522, a newspaper article entitled “Names returned to forgotten children; dignity returned.” |
| Poirier, Jim & Becky | N153 Little Spirit Dr.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3778Littlespirit@newnorth.net | Jim is the treasurer of the Spirit Lake Improvement Assoc. in 2012. The Poirier’s loaned the centennial history book of the Spirit Lakes to the Society for scanning. Jim is enthusiastic about publishing in the Association newsletter a copy of unidentified Spirit Lake photographs and requests that they are sent to him via his email address. |
| Polacek, Gary & Debra | N1859 Trout AveRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3410 | Gary is the son of the late Mary Ann and Thomas Polacek. He provided invaluable assistance in organizing the extensive collection of family photos and items beginning at image 18746 of the Document & Photo Collection. Especially valuable and delightful were his first-hand memories of growing up and witnessing the sweeping changes going on. |
| Pollard, Matthew “Matt” | Northome, MNpollard@paulbunyan.net | Matt contacted the Society about his great-grandfather, Chris Brandt, a camp foreman for the RLLC. He furnished photo 17161 for scanning. It is a rare view of a portion of RLLC Camp 24. |
| Potarcke, Kim | Forest ServiceChequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Supervisor’s office500 Hanson Lake RdRhinelander, WI 54501715-362-1301715-369-8859-faxKim.potarcke@usda.gov | In the fall of 2019, Robert Rusch contacted Kim for information regarding the Round Lake logging dam, which has been rebuilt through a partnership of private individuals, groups and the US Forest Service. Kim’s response was prompt and very, very helpful. She has provided a variety of materials codifying the once extensive use of Wisconsin waterways to convey logs and pulpwood. |
| Price Co. Forestry and Parks Dept.  | Phillips, WI[www.co.price.wi.us/government/ForestryDepartment](http://www.co.price.wi.us/government/ForestryDepartment) | This agency has done a superlative job in maintaining and improving Timms Hill County Park, including the tower atop Timms Hill. Copies of the visitors’ guest registry have been scanned and demonstrate the plethora of public positive comments made by visitors from as far away as Norway, the Philippines and Ecuador.  |
| Price, Byron | Executive DirectorNorth Wisconsin Land Trust | Byron has provided invaluable documents providing guidance for land managers attempting to, over time, recreate the appearance of virgin forests in north Wisconsin. |
| Probst, Judy | W3521 STH 102Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5791 |  |
| Quednow, Betty Jane | 819 Pearl St.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5628 | Betty was the youngest child of Ernst Edward Gerstberger and his spouse, Gertrude, nee Thone. Betty generously loaned a collection of photos beginning at 18507. Her late father had the spectacular insight and resolve to save a portion of the farm forest, which in 2014 is “Gerstberger Pines.” |
| Quednow, Daniel & Robin | 207 Camp Phillips Rd.Wausau, WI 54403715-842-5521 | In July, 2009 loaned portion of Lu Hales and Frank & Cecilia Becker collection to Rusch. |
| Regional Research Center—Wis. State Historical Society | University of Wis. Eau Claire, McIntyre Library 105 Garfield Ave, 5th Floor, Eau Claire, WILib.archives.staff@uwec.edu | Contact person “Lark” 715 836 2739;call ahead to get free visitor parking permit 201 2002/3/4 or 715 836 2544; COLLECTION INCLUDES EARLY TAYLOR CO CLERK OF COURT RECORDS, E.G. JJK LAWSUITS |
| Reinke, Milton E.  | Deceased | Milt is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Forestry in 1948. He placed 4th out of 284 people that took the Wisconsin Forestry exam. He worked for many years as a forester for the Wis. DNR and served as a Wisconsin Chief State Forester for 15 years until his retirement in 1986. From the fall of 1949 until the end of December 1956, he resided two days of each week at Ma Dodge’s Café in the Village of Rib Lake and worked in Taylor County, spending much time in the management of the Taylor County Forest. He wrote an invaluable autobiography, which includes detailed analysis of Taylor County forest history issues as Image #12355.The files of the Rib Lake Historical Society also include correspondence between Milt and Bob Rusch, who were personal friends.  |
| Riehle, Rachel | 405 S. 10th StWausau, WI 54403715-571-6927 |  |
| Royal, Heidi (nee Brehm). Portage, WI.  | 227 East Franklin Street Portage, WI 53901 | Thomas Brehm Sr. is Heidi’s great-great grand- dad. #15225 P |
| Rib Lake Township | Rib Lake Town HallCTH CRib Lake, WI  | Town Chairman Joe Knorn and retiring clerk, Judy Moxon, have helped in many ways. The town board readily gave me unfettered access to town records. |
| Rib Lake Village Hall | Pearl St.Rib Lake, WI427-5404 | Village President Wayne Tlusty and Clerk Dawn Swenson have always provided cheerful, ready assistance. I frequently call Dawn, for example, to get a street address for real estate that I only knew by legal description. |
| Rib Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. | Rib Lake Fire Hall,654 McComb Ave, Rib Lake, WI 54470715 427 5281 | This selfless and courageous group was organized in 1902 as one of the first acts following incorporation of the Village. Its 60th anniversary photo—with names of the entire volunteer group, is image 15133. |
| Riggs, Scott & Robin & family | 3230 Florida Ave. NCrystal, MN 55427Scott office 800 373 3050Extension 20377612-670-0249-cell6763-592-0434-home | Scott is the Society’s webmaster and has provided highly talented and successful work for the Society, including placing online its photo & document collection. He will be awarded the Society’s second Lifetime Membership Certificate. |
| Roiger, Michael A. | N5085 Bens LnMedford, WI 54451715-748-2514 | Long-time county board member, Mike Roiger loaned the spectacular photo album of Lambert Lamberty to the Society for scanning; it memorializes Lambert’s many successful years as a jobber for the Rib Lake Lumber Co. and begins at 20714. |
| Roupp, Sue | 8843 County Rd CRib Lake, WI 54470 | Sue is the editor of a free literary journal which she founded in Rib Lake in 2017. She teaches creative writing at a course that she offers through the Rib Lake Library. Portions of her journal, “Furrows,” are image 20798. The May 2017 edition of the journal included impressive poems and articles by a variety of Rib Lake area residents.  |
| Ruesch, Brad | Taylor Co. Forestry & Recreation224 S. Second St.Medford, WI 54451715-748-1486-work |  |
| Ruesch, Gordon | N 4416 Crane Dr.Medford 54451 748 3160 | Gordy authored the History of Logging in Taylor County scanned in as a separate folder. |
| Ruesch, Jon E. &Clea | 410 E. Broadway Ave.Medford, WI 54451715-748-3805 | Jon is the former chair of the Town of Browning. He had saved from the Browning Town Hall a mounted certificate, dated 1934, whereby the Socialist Party created a chapter in the Town of Browning. He also loaned, for scanning, a magnificent picture of the Modern Woodmen of America in spiffy outfits outside the town hall. See 17723. |
| Rusch, Everett A. | W2348 Wood Lake Ave.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5596 | Everett is RPR’s oldest brother, a retired electrical engineer and dedicated environmentalist and accomplished railroad historian. Ev has produced a series of maps on the railroads of northern Wisconsin counties, including Taylor, Lincoln, Price and others. The map of his home parcel showing the route of the steam hauler ice road to Camp 9 is image 18549. |
| Rusch, Gerald “Jerry” | 4224 W. Robin Meadows Ln.Eau Claire, WI 54701 | Jerry, born in 1937, is an older brother of Bob Rusch who served as a vital, positive mentor for Bob as they grew up together.  |
| Rusch, Karen M.  | 1000 West St.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3333 | Karen has assisted the Society in a myriad of ways from its creation. Perhaps her most unusual assistance came in 2016 when she traveled to Poland. At the request of the Society’s manager, she sought out and purchased a copy of a modern highway map of the Czech Republic. The Society’s immediate need for the map was to research the current status of the ancestral village from which the Kauer family of Rib Lake immigrated. It came as a huge surprise when the map showed a large blank area with no villages, highways, railways, etc. The area has been turned into a military reservation. The ancestral village, Dorfles, was no more. |
| Rusch, Roger & Christa | 16737 126 Terrace NorthJupiter, FL 33478 | These wonderful people have assisted the Society in many ways. Christa was born in Germany and provides excellent translations of German. Roger’s help has included maps of the former German city of Bromberg, including the nearby village of Karlsdorf from which Herrmann Emanuel Rusch emigrated in 1884. Their son is Robert Guenther Rusch. |
| Rusch, Thomas M. | N8816 CTH CRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5656 | Tom is the baby brother to Bob Rusch and the senior partner at the Rusch & Rusch Law Office, S.C. |
| Salmon, Angela | ASalmon@centurylink.net | f/k/a Angela Kofler.Angela contacted the Society by email on 7/19/2019 and furnished photograph 22166, an invaluable photograph of the tannery building taken about 1950, and 22167, a beautiful 1940 photograph of the Rib Lake High School. The Society hopes to be able to work with Angela within her collection.  |
| Saracoff, Norman & Barbara | W5490 Walker RdNeillsville, WI 54456715-743-3499 | Barbara, “Bobbi,” is the daughter of Hattie and Elmer Taylor. Elmer, for several decades, was a major businessman in the Village of Rib Lake and president of the village board. Elmer took super 8 movies of the Rib Lake Lumber Co. and narrated them when they were included in the 1981 VHS video of Rib Lake history. Norman is a graduate of the Valparaiso University Law School and served as family court commissioner and practiced law in Neillsville, Wisconsin. |
| Sandul, George& Kris | 4201 Kinglet CircleWausau, WI 54401 | George is a thru hiker, a backpacker who has walked the entire 2000 plus miles of the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine in a single year. He has proven to be one of the hardest working volunteers on the Rib Lake trail system. He surveyed and produced the first map of the Rusch Preserve made to scale. Thank you George! |
| Sani, Patti | 10251 E. Central AveDel Rey, CA 93616 | Patti’s grandmother, Mabel Adams, and her great-grandmother, Lillian Adams, lived in Rib Lake and are included in the photograph. Patti generously donated photo #21442, a July 1907 photograph of the parishioners of the Rib Lake Christian Church attending a Sunday School picnic. |
| Scheller, Edward | N9149 Jaecks Rd. Tomahawk, WI 54487715-453-4606 | Ed Scheller is a retired heavy equipment operator long employed by the Packaging Corporation of America and its predecessor, the Owen-Illinois Corporation at Tomahawk, WI. He was actively involved in constructing logging roads in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County, WI, and has intimate knowledge of RLLC historic sites there. In 9/2013, he led the photo expedition of Marvin Meier, Karen Baumgartner and R.P. Rusch to the sites of RLLC Camp 24 and Camp 25; see photographs in the Photo & Document Collection.  |
| Schindler, Susan | 710 ZEH AveNeenah, WI 54959920-725-4075Sm\_schindler@yahoo.com | RP Rusch received a wonderful surprise when Susan Schindler called out of the blue. She explained that she had possession of a scrapbook prepared by her mother, Dorothy Kain, nee Gojmerac, with newspaper clippings of many of the service men and women from Taylor County that served in WWII. She wanted to donate it to the Society and has since done so. It will be scanned as Document 19432 and is truly a treasure-trove of information. It has photos and articles on hundreds of service men and on 19432C an undated article that explains to date 39 persons from Taylor County have died in WWII while serving the US Army. The importance and quality of the information contained within the scrapbook merits that every page be scanned and indexed. But indexing will be limited to listing the full name of the person involved. Since the index is word searchable, the public may access the entire article directly by way of the web and free of all charge.Ms. Schindler also indicated that she had “heard good things about the Rib Lake Historical Society” on facebook. |
| Schnitzer, Donald | Marshfield, WI715-387-4044 | “Schnitz” is a good friend and the editor of publications for Wisconsin Forest History Association.  |
| Schopper, Harold & Janet | PO Box 19Sheffield, PA 16347 | Harold generously donated a magnificent collection of news clippings and memorabilia regarding the 1951 super basketball team of Rib Lake High School. In 1951 there were no divisions between schools based on attendance. This meant Rib Lake High School, with an enrollment of 173 ended up playing Madison West with an enrollment of 2000. While Rib Lake lost, it won the admiration of all by its pluck and perseverance. Harold’s material includes newspaper stories from throughout the Midwest regarding this inspiring story. His wonderful collection of the newspaper accounts of the winning Rib Lake basketball team begins at image #21659 and ends at #21688.In 2019 Harold loaned the Society a magnificent treasure-trove of Schopper history, scanned as #22318-22327. |
| Schreiner, William J. & Laura | 505 Lakeshore Dr.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5752 | As of 5/20/2010, Bill Schreiner is the owner and operator of the Rib Lake Roller Mills, 1213 Fayette Ave, 427-3215. He purchased the operation from his parents, John & Edna Schreiner, who purchased it from Victor Kohn. This is a spectacular collection of photos, sales brochures and data regarding this long-lived village business, founded about WWI by Thomas Brehm. Photos 13533 & 13534 show the 1-eyed stuffed calf born on the Edward Christensen farm in Nov. or Dec. of 1936. As of 5/2010, the stuffed carcass is housed at the Roller Mills – unfortunately – robbed of its glass eye. |
| Schubert, Herbert &Karen | 1115 Landall Ave.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5489 | Karen and Herb revitalized Rib Lake’s commercial district by founding a new fully-stocked hardware store c. 1989. In the summer of 2014, Herb saved a number of hemlock boards from a house being razed at the southwest corner of Landall and Front Streets. The boards were all ¾” thick, planed on one side and probably sawed about 1898 at J.J. Kennedy’s Rib Lake sawmill. The boards were in various widths up to 12” wide and manifest the features of what was then a ubiquitous building material in cheaper home. See image 18402. |
| Schupp, Dawn M.Branch ManagerMidWisconsin Bank | 707 McComb Ave.PO Box 248Rib Lake, WI 54470800-643-9472 x.8010 |  |
| Schwoch, Karl A. & Phyllis | PO Box 246Fall Creek, WI 54742715-877-2214Karlandphyl.comFall Creek Care Center344 W. Lincoln Ave., Room 32Fall Creek, 54742715-877-2411 | Phyllis was born a Hein and is now known as Mrs. Karl Schwoch. Her contributions begin at 14202.In 12/2012 the Schwochs made an additional, stunning donation to the Society. This included the original 100 year old record books of Charles Schwoch’s blacksmith shop and businesses at Chelsea. The donation also included the original 1881 and following records for the creation of School District No. 4, Town of Chelsea, including the contract for the construction of the school building, with specific plans, e.g. building must be set on hemlock posts, and include two outhouses.These materials were recovered from the home of the late Theodore Schwoch, Jr., whose father was on the school board for Highland School.On August 14, 2015, Phyllis gave the Rib Lake Historical Society the family histories of the Hein, Tetzlaff, Schwoch and Franz family, all pioneers in the Town of Rib Lake. Included were photographs of brother Louis Mohr and Oscar Mohr; they emigrated from the small village of Mocker, Germany, in the province of Silesia. They sailed the Atlantic with their aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. William Gilge, the parents of Julius Gilge, who married Martha Rusch. |
| Scott, Raymond H.  | 421 Vincent St.Medford, WI 54451715-748-3104 | In 2011, Ray is the senior member of the Taylor Co. Bar. I had the privilege of working with him in creating the Pine Line Recreation Trail from the former Soo Line Railroad right-of-way between Medford & Prentice. He is the father of the Pine Line. In 2011, Susan Hanson was cleaning the basement of the Scott home and discovered a 50 year old bottle of soda water produced by the Tlusty Beverage & Bottling Co. of Rib Lake. See Doc. #14745. |
| Sjostrom, Gerome & Marilyn | Box 62Athens, WI 54411715-257-9033 | Brought in photos & slides from Athens, WI |
| Slachetka, Linda | W6304 Gengler AveMedford, WI 54451715-748-5092 | Linda loaned to the Society an Abstract of Title which provided invaluable evidence pertaining to the proposed, but not completed, construction of the railroad through her forefather’s land north of Medford. See Doc. 22096 and others.  |
| Smith, Brian | 440 Smithwood TrailGreen Hill, AL 35645256-762-3518Brian.smith@lcschools.org | Our Society had the delight of receiving a surprise message from Brian on 2/18/2016.“I am working on a short written history of the Mocker immigrants who settled in my county – Lauderdale County, Alabama. There were 8 families who came from Mocker to this county. The first was in 1852-Friedrich Peche and his wife, Renate LassmanPeche. The others were in a wave in the 1880’s; Josef Kaske and his wife, Therese, nee Kaske, 1884,Gottlieb Lichtblau and his wife Caroline, in 1884,Albert Peche and wife Johanna, nee Lichblau, 1884,BartellemausAdamietz and wife, Magdelena, nee Kaske, 1885,Josef Peche and wife Antonia, nee Langer, 1885,Wilhelm Peche and wife, Johanna, nee Klein, 1885Robert Peche, and wife Magdelina, nee Polke, 1885.”Our Society will work closely with Brian to share information. |
| Snyder, Jim | Minocqua, WIJimsnyder1957@yahoo.com | Jim is a volunteer at the Minocqua, Wisconsin museum and went out of his way to furnish the Rib Lake Historical Society with a copy of the Chuck Winkler map “Railroads in the Northwoods.” |
| Soo Line Historical & Technical Society Attn: Larry Easton | 2124 N. Locust St.Appleton, WI 54914920-749-1540slarchives@att.netarchives@sooline.org |  |
| Soo Line Historical & Technical Society | 39105 Fisherman’s Ln.Chassel, MI 49916 |  |
| Spirit Historical Society, Inc. | PO Box 621Ogema, WI 54459spirithistoricalsociety@gmail.com[www.spirithistoricalsociety.org](http://www.spirithistoricalsociety.org) | From time to time the Rib Lake Historical Society has incorporated material published by the Spirit Historical Society, formerly known as the German Settlement Historical Society. It gets its name from the large number of German immigrants who settled in the Town of Spirit, Price County, Wisconsin. The south boundary of the Spirit township is the north boundary of the Town of Rib Lake.This active and energetic Society has created a museum and displays that were initially housed at or around the old two-room Liberty School building at the junction of CTH YY and German Settlement Road. In 2019 the Society decided to move its facilities and obtained support and land from the Town of Spirit to do so. In 2020 this Society’s facilities are adjacent to the town hall along STH 86. Bob Rusch and Cindy Sommer are grateful and thrilled to call the members of this Spirit Society friends, neighbors and colleagues.  |
| Star NewsAttn: Brian Wilson, Editor | 116 S. Wisconsin Ave.Medford, WI 54451715-748-2626 | The Star News and staff have been long-time friends of the Society. They have provided a multitude of aid, including the digital enhancement of a spectacular photograph of McComb Ave., image 16067A. |
| Stats, Charles | 1104 S. Oak Park AveOak Park, IL 60304-2004 | Charles is a good friend and the preeminent expert on the railroads of Tomahawk, Wisconsin, especially the Tomahawk, Marinette and Western, which once connected with the Wisconsin Central extension. Note his generous submissions to the Society, including Doc. 21301 and following.  |
| Stellbrink, Linda | 410 BroadwayRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3883 |  |
| Stelling, John E. & Kathy (nee Larsen) | 367 E. Whitefish Rd.Port Washington, WI 53074262-309-3068262-284-3137 | John is the son of Ervin Stelling and Ruth Waldheim. They have generously loaned material for the photo collection and made a spectacular donation of a “newly discovered,” and one-of-a-kind 1925 edition of *The Rib Lake Herald* in 2016 to the Rib Lake Historical Society.John is the son of Ervin Stelling, one of my father’s best friends.  |
| Stram, Tiffany | 1502 Roosevelt Dr. NWest Bend, WI 53090 | Tiffany is a highly-qualified cartographer doing work for the Ice Age Trail Alliance. She modified a map originally drawn by Drew Hanson to show the Timms Hill Trail, certified in 1990 by the National Park Service as the first National Side Trail. Her map is image 18412. |
| Storm, Gerald “Jerry” | 916 Oak Ave. NOnalaska, WI 54650608-781-8425stormsonthemiss@charter.net | Jerry is a native of Lincoln County, an academician and author. With Laura S. Kenefic, he has written “Northern White-Cedar, Arborvitae the Tree of Life and Associates.” Publication is pending as of 8/16/15. Jerry’s previously written book, “The Headwaters,” is based on lives and events occurring in the Town of Corning during the time the Rib Lake Lumber Company logged there. |
| Strobach, Katherine | 140 Phantom St.Unit 15735Keesler AFB, MS 39534 | In July 2018 Katherine “Katie” Strobach enlisted for a 6 year term in the US Air Force and began basic training. At the request of her proud grandfather, Bob Rusch, she is keeping the Society aware of the steps that people like her go through as they advance through the US Military system. |
| Summers, Joyce  | N2036 County RdOgema, WI 54459715-767-5288Joyce.ringshill@gmail.com | Joyce is an avid local historian focusing on Ogema and the Town of Hill. Among many of her generous acts to assist the Rib Lake Historical Society was her loan photo #22260, a magnificent photograph of a Wisconsin Central train at the Ogema depot c. 1880.  |
| Swan, Norma | W3198 Ring School Rd., Ogema, WI 54459 | Not only is Norma a good friend of Ann & Bob Rusch, but she is a delightful, always cheerful and talkative, senior citizen with lots of good stories to tell. She and her late husband, David, farmed on the rolling hills ½ mile northwest of Timms Hill. Later they planted 10s of thousands of evergreen trees there, which Norma continues to harvest as Christmas trees.  |
| Swanke, James, Jr. “Jim” | 3020 Shannon Dr.Edina, MN 55439952-842-5728jimswanke@towers.watson.com |  |
| Taylor County Clerk’s Office | 224 S. Second St.Medford, WI 54451 | County Clerk Bruce Strama and staff have cheerfully provided service in innumerable ways, including allowing unfettered access to county documents. |
| Taylor Co. Historical SocietyAttn: Roger L. Emmerich, President | 845A E. Broadway Ave.Medford, WI 54451715-748-3808 |  |
| Taylor County Register of Deeds Office | 224 S. Second St.Medford, WI 54451 | It is not an exaggeration to say that this Society could never have done its job without the marvelous support of Marvel Lemke, Register of Deeds, and Sara Nuernberger, Deputy. They are dear, dear friends. |
| Taylor County Surveyor’s Office | 224 S. Second St.Medford, WI 54451 | County Surveyor Bob Meyer and Deputy John Easterly have helped in many ways. Note, for example, the template maps developed to locate historical sites and lands covered by stumpage contracts. |
| Taylor County Tax Lister’s Office | 224 S. Second St.Medford, WI 54451 | Tax Lister Betty Blumenstein and Deputy Mary Quante have searched out and photocopied documents on many occasions |
| Taylor, Hattie, a/k/a Mrs. Elmer Taylor | c/o Barbara & Norman SaracoffW5290 Walker RdNeillsville, WI 54456715-743-3499715-743-2467 | Barbara is Hattie’s daughter. Hattie may be residing at the Neillsville Community Care facility, 1211 Lloyd St, Neillsville, WI 54456. |
| Thiel, Sarah & Ed | W3676 Little Rib Rd.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5774 |  |
| Thums, Douglas A. | 8864 Bus. Hwy 13Westboro, WI 54490427-5070 | Doug is the dominant mover and shaker of modern Westboro, creating, for example, the brand-new pizza parlor “The Other Corner”. He has loaned invaluable abstracts, including #15242, covering the site of the tannery, cheese factory, and Duncan, Ritchie, Taylor sawmill. |
| Thums, Gary & Rose | 525 Lakeshore DriveRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3579 | In 2019 Rose serves as the Clerk of Circuit Court for Taylor County and her retired husband, Gary, keeps busy by, among other things, maintaining their rental properties in the Village of Rib Lake. He discovered and loaned to the Society the spectacular 1950 wall calendar, Doc. #22138, which was given out to patrons of the Coffee Cup restaurant, which long stood on the east side of McComb Ave just north of the Little Bohemia.  |
| Thums, Gregory “Doc” | 1319 Church St.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5828 |  |
| Thums, Rolland & Susan | W 2549 Rustic Road #1 Rib Lake, WI 54470427-5809 | Loaned abstract of title to Lot 9a Block A Original Plat of Rib Lake & other valuable items including RL Volunteer Fire Department Code of Laws #13939. Family photos begin at image #15135. |
| Tlusty, David E. | Survey.leica.man@gmail.com715-216-15035134 Highway 45Deerbrook, WI 54425 | Mapped locations of old –probably, RLLC ROW crossing STH 64 in 2010, #14929.; see also #12939. |
| Tlusty, Wayne | 375 Lakeshore Dr.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3360 | $20 bill issued by The First National Bank of Rib Lake, #13441. At the time of issuance, private banks were permitted to print currency. |
| Tortomasi, Jeff & Lynn | 658 Waters EdgeWhitewater, WI 53190Winter address:5004 N. Thomas Dr, Unit 2111Panama City, FA 32408-6996715-905-0909-cell262-458-2638-home | Jeff was the Rib Lake Superintendent of Education for three years in 2008. |
| Troyk, JudyNee Straub, a/k/a Mrs. Howard J. Troyk | W4117 STH 102Westboro, WI 54490715-905-0369-cell715-427-5298-home | Judy is a Rib Lake native with deep local roots. Her grandfather was Guy Wallace.She solved the mystery of the McCaskey safe register box discussed in the Star News article dated June 8, 2017, image #20792. RPR attempted to summarize her comments in a letter to the Star News on 6/11/2017, image #20792B. The Society is very grateful to Judy for her kind assistance and support. |
| Turner, Mike & Debbie | N9047 Scharer AveWestboro, WI 54490715-427-5952715-427-1202 (Debbie only)651-336-7593-cell Debbie651-386-6308-cell Mike | Mike & Debbie have been generous supporters of the Rib Lake Historical Society. Debbie is the daughter of Rib Lake historian Dr. Galen Scharer, Sr. In October, 2016, they donated much of the former historic photograph collection of Dr. Scharer, as well as “The “McCaskey Safe Register #11598;” it consists of a hinged steel box approximately 3 feet high, 3 feet long and 2 feet thick. It contains an apparent list of the mill employees of the Rib Lake Lumber Company from c. 1940. Hinged “pages” were constructed to hold the written payment cards approximately 4x6” on which employees of the RLLC of Delaware were to fill in the dates of their work and the hours they worked by regular pay or overtime pay; the payment card was to be signed by the employee. A copy of the payment card is #19188K. |
| Unick, Alfred & Darlene | N8050 CTH CRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5418 gba@newnorth.net | Darlene’s mother was Hattie M. Knop, nee Stumpf, a/k/a Mrs. Fritz Knop, a/k/a Mrs. Roy Larsen. Alfred and Darlene have loaned a spectacular collection of material scanned as 18621-18644. |
| Van Sluys, Reid D. | W61 N327 Washington AveCedarburg, WI 53012-2404262-377-0635editor@sooline.org |  |
| Voogd, Virginia “Ginger” | 1300 S. Washington Ave.Medford, WI 54451715-748-4524gvppgd@charter.net |  |
| Wahl, Bernard “Bernie” & Mary Wahl | 1720 N. Palmetto Av.Marshfield, WI 54449Land: 715 384 0942Cell: 715 897 3687 | This delightful couple are new, wonderful friends, and avid historians. They have renovated the picturesque Wahl farm, including the 1931 Wahl barn in the Town of Westboro. Bernie is the nephew of Andrew Bernard Wahl, born 12/7/1892 and killed in action at Olsene, Belgium 10/31/1918. They have loaned a stunning variety of photographs & documents regarding Private Wahl’s death and reburial at Mount Olive Cemetery, beginning with image 15903. |
| Wallace, William Guy & Peggy | 603 N. 2nd St.Palmyra, WI 53156Braveheart1958@live.com262 495 3314 | Bill is the son of Lester Winston Wallace and grandson of Guy Wallace, long-time lumber grader for RLLC; Guy came to RL in 1888 and wrote an excellent history of RL in the 1930’s including the chance meeting between JJK and George Curtis in 1881. In 2011 Bill has the negative of the 300 photos of his late aunt Naida Straub. RPR met Bill at his home 5/16/11. The delightful “Wm. G. Wallace” collection is numbered 15018 thru 15056. Note bene: his story of Rib Lakers moving to Milwaukee to find work and their experiences is especially well written; RPR 7/13/11. |
| Weber, William & Barbara | 1209 7th St. NFargo, ND 58102 | Bill contributed, in 12/2012, two beautiful Germany language wall hangings he recovered from his ancestors’ North Dakota homestead. |
| Weckwerth, Mike | N5735 Lange Rd.Irma, WI 54442715-218-5917-cell715-536-3410-home715-536-2233-work |  |
| Welton, James A. “Jim” | 1050 Chadwick Shore Dr.Sneads Ferry, NC 28460 | Jim worked himself up through many jobs within the Soo Line Railroad corporation, including serving as train master for Central Wisconsin. I had the privilege of co-authoring with Jim several articles published in the Soo Line Historical and Technical Society. |
| Westboro VFW/Conservation ClubAttn: Joyce Peterson | 427-3156W4876 Cty. Rd. DWestboro, WI 54490 | a/k/a Mrs Ed Peterson |
| Wilhelms, Isabelle | 987 N. Front St.Rib Lake, WI 54470715-427-5461 | Loaned RLHe& photos & Lea real estate sale papers to Herringlee—Wimpy Wihelm’s mother’s family |
| Williams, Jennifer | 5422 New Salem RdMarshville, NC 28103704-975-8293-cell704-385-5087-home | Jennifer was extraordinarily generous in donating to the Society the 1908 diary of Jay C. Maxwell. Her kind letter of April 1, 2017, concluded, “Thank you, Mr. Rusch, for all the hard work you have done historically for your area. It is so important.”The Rib Lake referred to within Maxwell’s register is in NE Ontario, Canada. The pages regarding that Rib Lake will be scanned in to the Document & Photo Collection of the Rib Lake Historical Society. At the request of Jennifer Williams, the register is being returned to her. |
| Wilson, Brian | c/o The Star News111 S. Wisconsin Ave.Medford, WI 54451715-748-2626 | The ever-thoughtful Brian Wilson is a good friend and the editor of the Star News. Among his contributions was having a digitally improved copy of Rib Lake’s McComb Ave., photo 16067 created. The improved copy is 16067A. |
| Wisconsin State Historical Society Library | 816 State St.Madison, WI 53706-1488608-262-9590608-264-6400-general # |  |
| Walbeck, Donna L. (Mrs Marlin A.) 650 Mill Lane Rib Lake, WI 54470 715 427 5843 |  | Loaned abstract of title to Lot 2 of Block A of Subdivision of unplatted part of Black A, Original Plat of the Village of Rib Lake & other lands once part of the mill complex for the Rib Lake Lumber Co. & John J. Kennedy mill complex------Doc #13821 |
| Walcisak, Jake | Assistant AdministratorTaylor Co. Forestry & Recreation Dept224 S. Second StMedford, WI 54451715-748-1486715-965-0865 (cell)Jake.walcisak@co.taylor.wi.us | Jake came to Taylor County in 2015 and immediately brought new ideas: he taught the Rib Lake Ski & Snowshoe Club how to apply for state recreation grants. He has contacted the historical society on several occasions regarding historic sites on the Taylor County Forest, see image 19521 and following for his excellent colored maps identifying the “slushier” pile formed south of Wood Lake when the Rib Lake Lumber Company used crude earth moving equipment to build its railroad ROW through a hill. His second map identifies an important railroad log loading site where Wood Lake empties into the Wood River. His third map covers another historic site within the county forest which is not well understood. A 3 foot deep man made channel stretches for approximately 50 feet up a hill approximately 10 feet high. Jake took RPR to the sites in November, 2015. Extensive photographs on each accompanied these maps, now in the Photo & Document collection. |
| Weise, Steve & Angela | W2255 Bear AveRib Lake, WI 54470715-427-3616 | Steve & Angela reside on a former dairy farm south of Bear Avenue ¼ mile east of CTH C. Thanks to their generosity, their highly informative abstract of title has been scanned into the Document & Photo Collection as #20960. Among the nuggets there is the timber deed by which Fayette Delos Shaw purchased from the founder of Rib Lake, John J. Kennedy, the right to harvest all of the hemlock bark on conditions including that Shaw must construct at Rib Lake a tannery. |
| Werner, Ronald “Chow” | N3505 Shattuck StMedford, WI 54451715-748-2401 | Loaned photos of 1950 hunting shack in the county forest, originally built for towerman manning the nearby DNR fire tower. |
| Winkler, Jay |  | President & CEO of American Sports Laminate, a national manufacturer of skateboards and fitness equipment headquartered in the Village of Rib Lake. Jay loaned the Society the spectacular 1878 map of Taylor County, #22950.  |
| Wudi, Russell F., d/b/a Russ’ Coins  | N 8222 Surek RoadP.O. Box 426 Rib Lake 54470 715 965 4697 715-427-1009-store Russ’ Coins | Great grandson of Anton Wudi, pioneer at St. Ann’s. RPR photographed Russ 7/11/11 as the foundation for his new coin store was being poured on the east side of McComb Ave; it replaces the old Scharer Tavern building razed in June, 2011. His business card is #15057. Nota bene: RPR took several series of dig. Photos in May and June of old Scharer building.Russ did Rib Lake history a great favor by facilitating scanning by the Rib Lake Historical Society of the one-of-a-kind edition of the Rib Lake Herald dated 8/26/1938 |
| Yanacheck, Tim | 5734 County Rd. DOregon, WI 53575-2524 | Tim and I go way back to the good old days when we did trail ultra-marathons. He contributed the article on Fr. Menard, image 16788. |
| Yorde, IdaAka Mrs. Elmer Yorde | 2533 N. 72nd StWauwatosa, WI 53213-1205414-810-5054idayorde@earthlink.net |  Ida contacted the Society with a wonderful letter dated January 10, 2017. She is an active local historian and a proud member of the Yorde family. |
| Yorde, Kenneth&Franzine | 4335 Midas AveRocklin, CA 95677916-624-0375-home916-765-3566-cellkenyorde@gmail.com | In Dec. 2015, Ken, age 76, sent a surprise letter the Society. He grew up on the family farm in the Town of Corning in the 1940’s and 50’s, his grandfather was Ed Scheu, a famous jobber for the Rib Lake Lumber Company.The Yorde family farm includes the site of Rib Lake Lumber Co Camp 18 (1920-1925). Ken reports that his brother Lavern Yorde still owns the camp site, which is ¼ mile north of Joe Snow Road and has GPS coordinates of 45d 10m 03s n, 89d 58m 51s w. Ken also reports that he clearly remembers the well casing of the Rib Lake camp; ironically the very first newspaper account dealing with Camp 18 is dated 6/25/1920 “R.R. Dresden, the well driller, finished drilling a well at Camp 18 last week. Same is 87 ½ feet deep, 18 ½ feet being through sold blue granite rock. One day it took 3 hours to drill 2 inches. As soon as he gets his machine in from the woods he will drill a well for William Radtke.”On 9/22/2016 Ken Yorde aided RPR in inspecting and photographing the Camp 18 site. It is within the SW SW Section 15, Town 31, 4 East, Town of Corning. The only extant feature of the camp is the well casing of the so-called “engine well,” named because it furnished the locomotives of the RLLC with water. The well casing is approximately 7 inches in diameter and protrudes from a current hay field about 2 feet. Ken explained that he was born in 1939 and resided in the former cook shanty of Camp 18 with his family until 1948 when his parents, Carl and Elsie (nee Scheu), moved westward to the next 40, SE SE, Section 16, where they built a new house and barn to continue farming operations. Ken provided a hand drawn map dated 9/22/2016 showing the extant features of Camp 18 as he saw them as a boy, including the cook house, engine well and a wood frame building around the well, a concrete slab that supported the water tank, three barns that were on the site, one for hay storage, one for the cows to provide milk for the camp, and the horse barn and silo. There was also a so-called “small well,” which apparently provided water for the camp crew. See image 19949 for the quad map showing the location of Camp 18 and its railroad, 19950-photos taken by RPR on 9/22/2016, and 19951 and following-pictures taken in the 1940’s of the Yorde family and camp structures.Camp 18 is the only RLLC camp known to have been “reborn” and used following its camp use.Elsie Yorde was the daughter of Ed Scheu, a Town of Corning farmer and long-time jobber for the RLLC. He bought the site of Camp 18 and buildings from the RLLC after the company ceased operations there. He conveyed that land to his daughter and son-in-law, Carl Yorde.The engine well, in 2016, is within 100 feet of an active gravel pit. The large quantity of gravel probably explains the large amount of water, which the engine well accessed. |
| Yorde, Lavern “Slim,” and Marion “Chip” | W10990 Joe Snow RdMerrill, WI 54452715-218-1272-cell12670 E 37th Pl.Yuma, AZ 85367 | This delightful couple live in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, that includes the probable site of RLLC Camp 15. Lavern operates a gravel pit on the former family farm that does contain the confirmed site of RLLC Camp 18. They have loaned a variety of material to the Society, including image #20306. |
| Zastrow, DixieNee Gorlowa/k/a Mrs. Al Zastrow | c/o Tomahawk Area Historical SocietyPO Box 655Tomahawk, WI 54487715-453-2056Dixie524@gmail.com | I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. & Mrs. Al Zastrow on August 16, 2019, at the Tomahawk Historical Society museum. Dixie explained that she grew up in the Town of Spirit and is a graduate of the Rib Lake High School. I have promised to furnish them a copy of the Wisconsin’s last logging railroad map in return for their providing me with a copy of the 1940 map of Lincoln County put together by the WPA; the Society displays a copy of that map it its museum.  |
| Zutavern, John | W3192 North Ave.Rib Lake, WI 54470 | 17007ff |
| Zuther, Mary Ellen |  | With Brad Budimlija, loaned photographs of turn of the century sawmill owned by Max Zuther in the Town of Rib Lake.  |