

# Concord Historical Society News



## Preserving Our Local History

Town of Concord - Established in 1846

Spring 2012

### A Note from the President

Can you believe it? The CHS is preparing to celebrate its **Twenty Year Anniversary in 2013**, and we are making plans to celebrate! We would also like to hear your ideas for the celebration; so give us a call, email, or write us with your suggestions. Since the historical society began in 1993, we have been preserving local history for the Town of Concord by collecting photos, documents and artifacts that are relevant to our local history. We are always looking to improve our collection, so if you have something to share about your family history, farm or business we would be very happy to help you preserve it for future generations. **Many thanks for your support of the CHS over the last 19 years!**

Sincerely! ---- Cindy



### New Programs Focus on Barn Preservation and Concord Family Civil War History

**July 10, 7:00 p.m.** - We are seeing our old barns disappear one by one, all across Jefferson County and other parts of Wisconsin. The CHS will explore affordable barn repairs, and we discuss re-use options for these historic buildings, that represent Wisconsin's agricultural legacy.

**November 13, 7:00 p.m.** - Jerry Thomasen CHS Board Member will present his research on Egnace and Joseph Chartier from the Town of Farmington and their Civil War experiences with the 16<sup>th</sup> regiment of the Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He has found their regimental records at the archives of the Wisconsin Historical Society Library for information on their service. Jerry has also traveled to some of the battlefields and has found the grave of Joseph Chartier in Georgia. To date no written records have been found on Chartier, but diaries from other members of the regiment, will shed some light on their experiences.

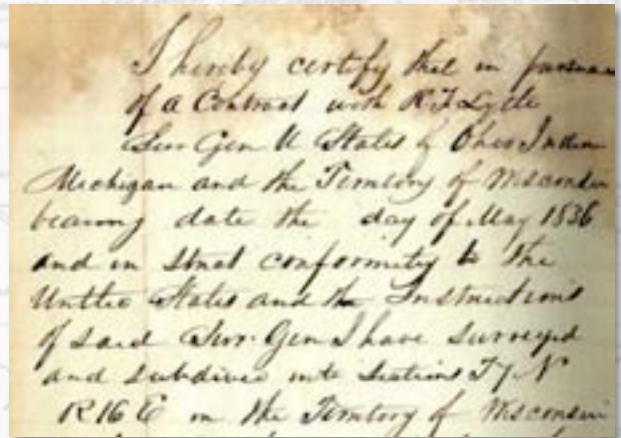
### William R. Look Log Cabin - circa 1850

Originally located in the south-west area of the Town of Concord  
Restored at Concord Park in 2003, by the Concord Historical Society

# Plat Map Exhibit on Display at the Museum



Jerry Thomasen explained the 1836 survey of the area now called the Town of Concord in Wisconsin Territory.



Survey Notes (crop): courtesy of the Wisconsin Government, Board of Commissioners of Public Lands.



Dave Janquart and Morris Gennermann review and compare the maps.



(Left to right) Jerry Thomasen, Kim Miller and Dale Konle

The Concord Historical Society created an exhibit of Concord Township Plat Maps at our museum. The maps date from pre-statehood to the present, and include early surveyor notes. The exhibit was researched by Jerry Thomasen, a professional surveyor and Board Member of the Concord Historical Society.



# Interesting Recent Donations to the Concord Historical Society Artifact Collection



Calendar from the Otto Dahms General Store dated 1911. The building where the store was located still stands on Concord Center Drive near Highway F.

Donated by the Tom Ingersoll and family



Wooden Table Top Croquet Set.

Donated by the Irene and Barb Duchow.

## “CLIP AND SAVE” CALENDAR...



## 2012 CHS Calendar of Events

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| <b>May 15</b><br>7:00 p.m.                 | <b>CHS General Membership Meeting –</b><br>At Concord Historical Museum                                  |
| <b>June 12</b><br>7:00 p.m.                | <b>CHS Board of Directors Meeting -</b><br>At Concord Historical Museum, all members are welcome         |
| <b>July 10</b><br>7:00 p.m.                | <b>Restoring Old Barns –Solutions for Preserving Barns,</b> At Concord Historical Museum, Open to public |
| <b>August 4</b><br>10:00 a.m.              | <b>CHS Board of Directors Meeting -</b><br>At Concord Historical Museum, all members are welcome         |
| <b>August 12</b><br>12:00 noon             | <b>Concord Town Picnic –</b> Town of Concord Heritage Award/s presented                                  |
| <b>Sept. 18</b><br>6:00 p.m.               | <b>CHS Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and Pot Luck Dinner –</b><br>At Concord Historical Museum    |
| <b>sept. 30</b><br>11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | <b>CHS Pie Social – Annual Fundraiser –</b><br>At Concord Historical Museum                              |
| <b>June 12</b><br>7:00 p.m.                | <b>CHS Board of Directors Meeting -</b><br>At Concord Historical Museum, all members are welcome         |
| <b>Nov. 13</b><br>7:00 p.m.                | <b>Concord Families in the Civil War</b><br>- At Concord Historical Museum, Open to public               |

## 2012 Town of Concord Family Heritage Awards

The CHS is now seeking nominations for the 2012 Town of Concord Family Heritage Award. Please contact a CHS officer to make a nomination for this year’s award.

The awards will be presented at the Town of Concord Picnic on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The Ingersoll Family received the award in 2004, with the Koepler Family receiving it in 2005; and the Christian and Kramer families receiving the award in 2006. The Hemke and Goose families received it in 2007, with the Zastrow and Webb families accepting the award in 2008. The Rohloff and Bankert families were presented with the award in 2009, and the Stendel and Buske Families received it in 2010.



Members of the Milbrath Family received the 2011 Town of Concord Family Heritage Award.



Members of the Schuck and Thomasen families pose with the 2011 Town of Concord Family Heritage Award.



# Some Visitors to the Museum and Log Cabin



**Above:** Cub Scouts from the Sullivan area, visited the Museum and Log Cabin. Barb Seamandel from the CHS serves refreshments in the museum and reads a Laura Ingalls Wilder story to the scouts in the log cabin.

**Left:** Members of the Genz, Nava and Ulm families also visited. They brought Genz family photos for the CHS to copy and preserve for their future, in the CHS photo archives.

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## Curator's Corner - by Renee Baneck-Tantala

First, let me remind you that our museum is “open by appointment.” All you have to do is call a member of the board to make the arrangements. If you have family and friends visiting this summer, bring them to the museum. For those with connections to Concord the current exhibit of plat maps is a great resource, making it possible to trace a farmstead over many decades. We have a reproduction of the very first government survey map from 1836 as well as plat maps from 1862 to 2010. This exhibit was well received by those who viewed it during the 2011 Town of Concord picnic.

At our May meeting I plan to talk about some special new artifacts. Here are a few hints: a 19th century tabletop game; a fragile wooden set, passed on to one of our members; a marvelous find that you can see on page 3 of this newsletter. And there's one artifact that captures the shapeliness of a gal who is now an octogenarian!

Remember all those artifacts that we were given to us by the Milwaukee Public Museum? This year we hope to purchase shelves for the office, where we can store the larger items when they are not being displayed as part of an exhibit. We plan to apply for a mini-grant from the Wisconsin Council for Local History for this purpose.

Another project we are working on is digitizing our photographs. Dale Konle a new CHS Board Member is helping Cindy scan the photos (and I'll help, too). The digital archive will serve as a resource for exhibits, programs, and online exhibits. We also need to collect more information about these photographs and we may need your help checking names and other content.

We are a small museum with limited space, but our collection is growing. That is why it is important for us to put our collections guidelines in writing. At our annual meeting last September the Collections Committee presented a draft of these guidelines and I talked about the scope of the collection and the importance of maintaining what we collect. If you would like a copy, please contact me (414-807-8119 or [rtantala@wi.rr.com](mailto:rtantala@wi.rr.com)). I can send it as an email attachment or as hard copy by snail mail. Do you have any ideas or concerns regarding our collection? The Collections Committee would very much appreciate your input.



### In Memory:

We lost two special members of the Concord Historical Society over the past year, **Irene Duchow** and **Burgess (Pep) Coulter**. Irene was a generous and enthusiastic volunteer, and a great supporter of the historical society. She routinely attended our meetings, and always had good advice regarding CHS organizational issues. Burgess was special to us, because he donated some of his WWII, US Navy uniforms that are on display at the Museum. These artifacts contribute to our Local Veterans collection of artifacts, and strengthens our WWII collection. We will miss both of these special people, and are very grateful for all their contributions.

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## Concord Historical Society Officers:

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Member

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ship Chair, Board Member

Jerry Thomasen, Board Member

Dale Konle, Board Member

Jerald Ingersoll, (Honorary) Board  
Member

Cindy Arbiture  
Newsletter Editor



### Groups are Welcome!

We are now offering tours to  
school groups and scouts.  
Please contact (262) 593-8099  
for more information.

## CHS Spring Annual Membership Drive 2012

We are currently into our 2012 annual membership drive. Please see the member form below, and return it to us with your membership check. Every CHS member is very important to us; please continue your support to preserve our local history. Please do note, that our membership fee continues to be very affordable, at only \$5.00 for an individual and \$10.00 per family.

Dear folks, we understand that life gets busy, and you may not have the free time to attend our meetings or special events, but never the less, we do appreciate your support through your membership. *So, thanks so very much for your continued support!*



### Concord Historical Society Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Membership rates per year:

\$5.00 Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Family \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that donations beyond membership are tax-deductible  
The Concord Historical Society, Inc., is a 501c3 non-profit organization

Please return this form to our Membership Chairperson:

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*Thank you for your continued support!*



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