



# JACKSONPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



SPRING 2009

NEWSLETTER #12

## A HOME FOR JHS!

It has been a historical year for the Jacksonport Historical Society!!! The big news is the purchase of land for our long awaited vision of having land on which we can build a museum to keep and protect the history of Jacksonport. In early summer we had the opportunity to purchase 4.3 acres of land on the south edge of Jacksonport on Wisconsin Highway 57. After much consideration and negotiation the Board of Directors decided it was too good an opportunity not to pursue. So on October 31, 2008 the Jacksonport Historical Society became the proud owners of this fantastic historical piece of property. As to the history of this property, it was originally owned by Joseph and Margaret Smith in 1872. On this property, they built a large home which was a gathering place where many parties for cousins, friends and community members were held. Christmas, Thanksgiving, and the 4th of July were special holidays at the Smiths, "Aunt Maggie" always served and ample meal. All the children looked forward to sliding down the long banister in their home. Joseph Smith was a dealer in cedar logs and posts in Wisconsin. It is said that he shipped more cedar logs and posts to Chicago than any other person on the Great Lakes. This feat earned him the title "Cedar King."

Our goal for this property is to develop a place for the community to gather and to be able to experience first hand the history of the township of Jacksonport through hands on experiences, activities, and educational displays. Kevin and Debbie Magno, son and daughter-in-law of Marlene (Cote) and Napoleon Magno have donated a log cabin which is located on the west side of County A just north of County V formerly on the property of long time residents Joe and Lou Cote. We will be moving this cabin to our new property. The Cote property was originally owned by Charles and Mary Reynolds in 1885. In 1933 the Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac purchased 60 acres from the Reynolds to build their vicarage, guild hall, and church. In 1935 Joe and Lena Urban purchased the piece of land where the log cabin is located. When the vicarage and guild hall burned in 1936 there is reference to "Father Hood now being comfortably housed in the Urban cottage nearby." Historically this is the first reference we have to this cabin. In 1943 the Urbans sold this property to Joe and Lou Cote and then in 1989 Kevin, Joe and Lou's grandson purchased the property from them. The cabin will need some tender love and care and we would like to have your involvement, whether it is by volunteering your labor, tools, or expertise.

With great appreciation we would like to thank you at this time for your involvement in our activities this past year. First and foremost we want to thank Jerry and Judy Cote, Marge and Mayo Carrington, Carol Halstead, Jeanette Logerquist, and Don and Carolyn Weber for storing our artifacts for us. We placed a Wisconsin State Historical Society marker at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity on County V this past summer and we would like to thank Eric Leist for providing his truck and labor for setting the stone,

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## JACKSONPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS - 2009

### June 24 - Annual Meeting.

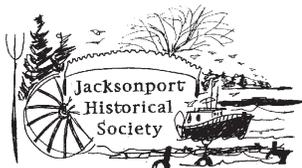
Jessica Michna from Racine WI will portray First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln. Originally from Pennsylvania, Jessica Michna developed a love of American history at an early age, visiting the many Revolutionary and Civil War sites in the area. Mrs. Michna's performances are compelling and emotionally captivating. We will laugh along with her humorous anecdotes about life in the White House, and share in her tears as she relates how the horrors of war impacted the First Family. It will be fascinating to meet one of history's most influential and often misunderstood women.

### July 22 - The Episcopal Church of The Holy Nativity.

We will visit the Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity which stands on the wooded hill on County V. Simplicity and peace and a hovering beauty enfold it. It is a hallowed spot, a bit of Old England that has in some way strayed into this whirling western world. We will also visit the cemetery down below the ridge—on the old Lumberman's Road where lie the remains of Reynolds, Robinson, Nugent, Smythe, Erskines, Johnson, and McArthur, and others, who will be portrayed by family and friends. Our program will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the cemetery. Parking will be at 6313 County A, and we will walk on a path up to the cemetery. Dessert and beverages will be served on the lawn of the church after our visit to the cemetery.

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***The purpose of the JHS is educational in nature through the study on the Town of Jacksonport, its history, people, lands, buildings and other topics of general interest.***



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**THE JACKSONPORT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PROGRAMS  
are always held:**

**The Fourth Wednesday  
of each month at 7:00 pm  
at the Jacksonport Town  
Hall County Trunk V**

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*The Jacksonport Historical  
Society (JHS) would like to  
thank Eileen Phetteplace  
for designing the newsletter  
and Cathy Gerdmann for  
her contribution of the word  
puzzle.*

**A HOME FOR JHS** — *continued from page 1*

Mallien Masonry for choosing and erecting the stone, Terry Simon for use of his masonry saw, and Jerry and Judy Cote for their assistance. Be sure to stop by the church and read the history of this amazing little church.

Also we created a fantastic brochure promoting the Jacksonport Historical Society this year. We hope you have all seen it in the local businesses and have enjoyed it. Much appreciation goes out to Rob Onan for working with Vicki Bley and Eileen Roberts in proofing and critiquing the brochure.

When you drove past the Erskine Rest Area you probably noticed how lovely the flowers were in front of the restored root cellar. We would like to thank the Sturgeon Bay Florist for donating the flowers and Jerry and Judy Cote for planting and maintaining them throughout the summer. Kudos to Dick Birnschein who donated his labor to raise the bottom of the vegetable bins in the restored root cellar for display purposes as well.

Another exciting project for us has been undertaking the development and design of our new website. The new location of the website will make it easier for our friends to find us on the web, all of our information will be easily accessible to everyone. Visit our website at: [www.jacksonporthistoricalsociety.org](http://www.jacksonporthistoricalsociety.org) Gary Arndt of Fox Valley Web Design has donated the hosting and his labor in designing this new home for us. We are happy to be able to work with him and have the ability to keep all our current events on line. Thank you Gary. Such great things have happened for the Jacksonport Historical Society through the great efforts of many, many people. With this land purchase we truly have become "THE KEEPERS OF THE PAST" for the Jacksonport Township. Stay tuned for all the latest in our activities for the upcoming year!!

**THE ERSKINES** — *Memories of Dan Carmody*

In the life of a child in a very small town there are important families and individuals. In mine there is no question that the Erskines topped the list. This awesome family included Fred and Gertie, daughters Carol and Marie, and sons Hilton, Pete, and Mike. They lived across the street from us in the post office. It was a large building that was once known as the Eureka House which had rooms to rent. In my time it was never used for the latter purpose. Fred was the postmaster but it appeared to me that Gertie pretty much ran things. Fred was busy doing whatever intellectuals do and being a jack of all trades. Theirs was the most interesting home that

I have ever been in. Fred was an avid photographer whose images date to the early teens or earlier. Upstairs was a darkroom in which he developed all of his own film. Many of his pictures can be viewed in the Jacksonport town hall. His still photography constitutes a pretty good visual history of the Jacksonport area. He took a number of group photographs. In many of them he was the guy on one end because his camera



Standing in back left to right: Carol and Marie. Front left to right: Fred, Pete (Victor), Eugene, Hilton, and Gertie Erskine

had a timer. One was an image of the Jacksonport grade school children and their teacher. Fred pointed out two of my mother's brothers, Hank and Exor Cote who were maybe 9 or 10 years old at the time. The picture was taken on the steps of the store probably sometime after 1910. There were maybe 30 or 40 kids indicating that the town was fairly bustling at the time. Fred was the only person that I knew that had a movie camera. It was so exciting

## **THE ERSKINES** – *continued from page 2*

to sit in their living room and watch movies even if they didn't have sound. I thought I was the luckiest kid on earth to be able to hang around their house and enjoy all this. Fred had a subscription to "Photography" magazine which he kept stacked on a shelf in the living room. In each there was a nude study of a female. I mean, like I had these nudes memorized. Gertie never had much control over when I might be skulking around their house or what I would be doing. The only time she would kick me out was if I got too noisy during one of her radio programs. There was also a chemistry lab upstairs. There were lots of chemicals and glassware. I have no idea what they made up there. Mike made a stink bomb out of sulphur and what else that just about drove everybody out of the house. Their home had other interesting features like a great workshop where they did woodworking and auto repair. There was a chicken coop out back and a root house. The town didn't have any playground equipment in the park in the 40s so the root house was our slide. To a little kid it seemed like a pretty good one. I don't know how many seats of my pants I wore out. The root house is still there like it was back then. Gertie stored all sorts of homemade things in there. Jams, canned vegetables and fruits. It doesn't look real big but if you look inside you can see that it holds quite a bit of stuff.

By the time that I can remember, the girls were married and gone. The sons are the ones that I remember best. Hilton was quiet and harder to be in touch with. He built these great model airplanes powered by rubber bands that really flew. Every now and then he would load one of them up with firecrackers. He'd light the fuselage on fire and let it fly. To a little kid the result was spectacular. Hilton was graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in chemical engineering. He had a career with oil companies in the Near East and elsewhere. He lives in Kentucky and is restoring an old house he bought a few years ago. Hilton, like his father, has this great combination of being an intellectual and an all around handyman. I should have spent more time around them. I might have picked up a few things.

Pete was a special friend to me. I loved that guy. He had a Harley with a stick shift that he taught me to ride. When I was 15 years old I would tool on down to my girlfriend's place and impress the heck out of everybody. That's what I thought, anyway. What teenager could have a better friend than that? I offered to buy the bike from him for \$5 a month for the rest of my life. Pete didn't think that I would live long enough to make a dent in the payments. Pete also had a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Wisconsin. I'm talking about a couple of super smart guys here, and I was proud that they were so nice to me and thought I was worth bothering with.

As special as Pete and Hilton were it gets even better. There was Mike. I can't imagine what my childhood would have been like without him. He was my best friend even if he was 8 years or so older than me. Mike organized our activities. He would line our softball field with sawdust so that it would seem like a real ball diamond. Wanna play cops and robber? Mike would make guns and swords in their wood shop. We'd all chip in and he would send away for fireworks. The day they arrived was a special one. Mike taught me to skate and bowl. When it came time to learn to swim he threw me off the end of Grovogel's docks. "Swim," he hollered, and I did. He taught me to drive when I was about 12. I was taught that we all have a guardian angel that we can't see. I was lucky. I could see mine. It was Mike. I guess what was great about Mike and his brothers is that they never minded having me around even though I was a lot younger.

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## **August 26 - Visiting With the Schleicher Family.**

Rudolph Schleicher was born in Alverwhich, Germany, and there he married Katherina Lautenbach also of Germany. They came to America in August 1889 and arrived at the Port of New York in New York City on a vessel containing hundreds of immigrants. Rudolph received citizenship to the United States in October of that same year in the Door County Circuit Court. Katherina and Rudolph had six children, Charles, Lena, Emma, Pauline, Annie and Arthur.

Arthur married Lucy Wagner of Jacksonport in September of 1939. Arthur and Lucy had eight children, Arnold, Darrel, Catherine, Joyce, Willard (Bill), James, Mary, and Julian (Fritz). Arthur died as a result of an accident in the woods and left eight school aged children at home with Lucy. Lucy was one of the first people in Door County to have open heart surgery. Kelsey Schleicher daughter of Bill will reminisce with friends and relatives depicting the legacy of the Schleicher family.

## **September 23 - Grovogel Family of Fisherman.**

Among some of the early pioneers of the area, Conrad Grovogel (with a variety of spellings) came to Door County with his father Michael Grovogel before 1864. In 1865 Conrad married Elizabeth Platt and began their large family. Conrad made his living as a commercial fisherman along with three of his sons, Bill, George and John. The fishing was done in 25' single masted sailboats, while the fish were caught with nets or set lines of hooks. They also used pound nets to fish for herring. The life was arduous and dangerous. Holly Kohls, presentation will cover life as a family of fisherman and where many of the family have ended up. Holly is the great great granddaughter of Conrad and Elizabeth.

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**or email us at  
[jacksonporthistory@charter.net](mailto:jacksonporthistory@charter.net)**

## PUBLICATIONS AND HISTORICAL MEMOIRS

Traditionally, over the past twelve years we have encouraged families in the township of Jacksonport to present their family history at our monthly meetings. Families eagerly told their fascinating stories through pictures, music, recorded grandparents voices, and their own recollection of life within the generations. These programs were recorded, stories were written by family members and then published into volumes of books entitled Jacksonport Through The Generations, by the Jacksonport Historical Society. We also published a book just on the Teachers and Schools in the Jacksonport Township, which is Volume Two.

Each volume is \$15.00 with the exception of volume two and volume eight which are \$20.00. DVD's and VHS tapes are also available of these programs and are \$15.00. These publications are available and may be purchased at:

Bleys Grocery  
The Craft Cottage  
Jacksonport Historical Society Meetings  
Maifest May 23 & 24, 2009  
Cherry Fest August 1, 2009  
Or call: Eileen Roberts (920)743-6415  
Or visit us on line at  
[jacksonporthistoricalsociety.org](http://jacksonporthistoricalsociety.org)

All our published books can also be purchased at the monthly meetings held at the Jacksonport Town Hall or through the mail (please add \$2.50 for postage) by sending a check made payable to the Jacksonport Historical Society to: Jacksonport Historical Society, 4768 Hwy 57, Sturgeon Bay WI 54235.

Note cards are available from original oil paintings by Robert C. Onan which date back to 1949. The Eureka House/Post Office cards are sold in a packet of four and they are 5" x 8" note cards with envelopes for \$10.00. The fishing boat "Sally Lou" is sold in a packet of four and they are 4" x 5" note cards with envelopes for \$8.00. The cards are distributed by the Jacksonport Historical Society with the permission and assistance of Robert C. Onan, Jr.

Bookmarks are also available with a picture of the root cellar before and after renovation. It tells the story told by Marie Erskine and her siblings, who played around the cellar, and the poem "Grandma's Root Cellar" by Paula Virlee. Bookmarks are \$1.00 each.

## THE ERSKINES - *continued from page 3*

When I was at St. Norberts Gertie would intercept my dirty clothes that I mailed home. She would return them nicely laundered with some homemade chocolate chip cookies. When I lived overseas, she would write me letters with all the town news. One could write a book on this complex and wonderful family that exemplified niceness and intelligence. Gertie gave her family unconditional love and, thankfully, even had some left over for kids like me.

## MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

**Patty J. Birnschein** has been a Wisconsin resident all her life. She was born in Milwaukee, but moved back to Door County when she was about five years old. Both her parents are natives of Jacksonport (Bagnall and Scharrig) as well as her husband. She has been married for 32 years with two married children and four granddaughters. She has extensive experience in office management spending over 13 years with the Door County Co-op, including five years as Office Manager with the Co-op's Lakeshore Universal Division in Forestville. She was also Office Manager and Registrar for over 9 years at Birch Creek Music Center. In order to spend more time with her grandchildren she now works part-time at Sarkis & Associates. She has performed locally with a variety of choral groups, and is also actively involved in her church. Interest in history and genealogy has come from her Dad's involvement with Jacksonport Town Government and the Jacksonport Historical Society.

## CHERRY FEST - SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2009

**Our plans are underway for Cherry Fest 2009.** In 2008 the weather was perfect and the crowds were large. A great many people enjoyed all the day's activities including the food (especially the cherry pie), the crafts, touring the restored root cellar and listening to a great variety of music featured during the day. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the day special for all the folks that attended.

Once again the picturesque village of Jacksonport, Highway 57, Door County, will be the scene of the 15th annual Cherry Fest on Saturday, August 1, 2009. Beautiful Lakeside Park, on the shore of Lake Michigan, is the setting for this 15th annual event.

Cherry Fest begins at 9 a. m. with beverages and homemade cherry kolaches, fresh cherry pie and ice cream, as well as cherry sundaes for sale in the upper park shelter. The Jacksonport Women's Club will also feature their popular



1941 Ford Pickup Truck on display at Cherry Fest. Bob Mikels, Owner

funnel cakes made "hot on the spot" for all to enjoy. A wide variety of jams and jellies will be for sale in a special booth in the park for the annual jelly and jam sale. The food booth will be open in the lower park shelter from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Door County Custom Meats owned by Keith and Jaci Birnschein will feature cherry brats and cherry burgers as well as a variety of ice cold beverages will be available.

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The Historical Society tent, set up in the Erskine Rest Area, will feature the Jacksonport family memorabilia collection provided by members. The Jacksonport Historical Society's publications - Jacksonport Through The Generations - will be for sale. The Erskine Root Cellar, also located in the rest area has been completely restored and will be open to the public for viewing during Cherry Fest hours. Back for another year in the Erskine Rest Area, re-enactor Joe Jeanquart will once again feature pioneer living pre 1840's and will have ongoing demonstrations (blacksmithing, fire starting, leather work, cooking) all day. Stop and view the awesome



These are pictures of pages from the 1922 Montgomery Ward Catalogue "1872 Golden Jubilee 1922" catalog which Marcella Giesseman donated to the Jacksonport Historical Society Archives this year.

tepee and go back with Joe and his cohort, Randy Alexander to life as it was many years ago. A juried arts and crafts fair will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lakeside Park and will feature wide range of artists and craftsmen from all across the country. Many of your favorite artists from past years will return for this renowned show.

Live entertainment will be featured free of charge during Cherry Fest hours under the big tent. Picnic table seating will be available in the tent area. Bring your own folding chairs or blankets for additional seating for the day. From 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. the Birch Creek Ambassadors will be performing their wonderful jazz music. Matt Wahl, singer and song writer, will entertain us with his ballads and acoustic guitar from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The Mike Miller Band featuring everything from Sinatra to Aretha will entertain from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Mayberry's Carriages will provide wagon rides from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a small fee. Loading will be near the corner of Park Road and Hwy. 57 just north of the Lakeside Park boundary. A penny hunt will be held on the beach at 1 p.m. for the younger set attending Cherry Fest. Arrive early at the penny hunt site - the roped off beach area - to register your child. Age groups are 3-5 and 6-8 year olds.

Come join us for a fun filled day in the park. We have something for everyone and maybe a surprise or two along the way. Look forward to seeing you in the park!

## 2008 OBITUARIES

**Catherine McArdle**, daughter of James and Anna (DeJardine) McArdle; sister of James, Thomas, Margarette (Hanson), and Jannette (all deceased) and Delphine Johnson.

**Nancy (Shaw) Becker**, wife of James Becher a resident of Jacksonport during the summer.

**Ellsworth Ehlers**, husband of Donna Weiterman; father of Thomas, Debra (Rasoli), and Betty (Vollbrecht).

**Gordon Madsen**, son of Vernon and Alice (Carlson) Madsen; brother of Laurie Johnson, and Roger; nephew of Irene Ott and also brother of Shirley Madsen (deceased).

**Reuben Kiehnau**, son of William and Lydia (Treichel) Kiehnau; husband of Doris Helen Soares; father of Ann, Fay, Vernon, Carol, Janet, Rachelle, Kevin, also sons Dennis and Scott deceased; brother of Carl, Leonard, Norman, Olive, Donald, Dorothy, Mildred and Florence (brothers Harold, Frederick, William and Henry deceased).

**Joan LeClair**, daughter of David and Edith (Eastman) Lent; wife of Robert E. LeClair; mother of Robert, Kathleen, Michael, Steven, and Pauline.

**Martha Brauer**, daughter of Christopher and Mary Simon; wife of Ralph Brauer; mother of Cynthia (Wm) Rice.

**Louise R. Simon**, daughter of John and Elizabeth Rizik; wife of Russell Simon; mother of John, Janet, and Carol, also son Donald deceased; mother-in-law of Phyllis (Bieri) Simon.

**Harvey M. Naumann**, son of Gertrude and Max Naumann; husband of Mary; father of Gretchen, Stephanie, and Kate; brother of George, Donald, JoAnna, Mary Ellen and Alice; and brother-in-law of Sue Sawyer.

**Delphine A. Johnson**, daughter of James and Anna (DesJardine) McArdle; wife of Bill Johnson; mother of Judith, Bonnie and Fred; sister of James, Thomas, Margarette, Jannette and Catherine McArdle all deceased.

**Donald J. Giesseman**, son of Donald and Lena Giesseman; husband of Marcella Bley; father of Craig, Don, Jean (Schleicher) and Arlene (Junion).

**June Kabelitz**, daughter of Alfred and Mary Kabelitz; sister of Robert (deceased).

**Donald W. Buhke**, son of Alfred and Edna (Rahn) Buhk; husband of Karen, father of Jim and John also father of Wayne deceased; father-in-law of Seanna Buhk; brother of Shirley and Eunice, also brother of Melvin deceased.

**Helen Monoccio**, wife of Nels, lived south of the Square Rigger Lodge, now the site of Robinsons Roost.

**Mary D. Honold**, daughter of William and Helen Tong; wife of Kenneth L. Honold; mother of Renee (John) Wesolowski, and Heidi (Jeremy) Erickson; sister of Sandy Draper, Sue and Cindy Tong; daughter-in-law of Amanda Honold.

**Delores A. Birnschein**, daughter of Joseph and Alice Cetnarowski; wife of Alvin Birnschein; mother of Lorrie Birnschein and Master Sgt. Greg Birnschein; mother-in-law of Leilaine Birnschein.

**Sylvester H. Hartwig**, son of Harry and Minnie Hartwig; husband of Erma; father of Clayton, Bruce, Debbie and Dean; brother of Lee and also Donald deceased.

**Pearl B. Lautenbach**, daughter of Gustav and Nora Graf; wife of Arthur Lautenbach; mother of Karen Cowen, Roger and Dale Lautenbach.

## JACKSONPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. 2008 DONATIONS

### MEMORIALS

- + Gift of money in memory of Joan LeClair from Lee Bley.
- + Gift of money in memory of Louise Simon from Lee Bley.
- + A Lyon Healy phonograph and records from the home of Russell and Louise Simon in their memory from their daughter Janet (Simon) Struve.
- + Gift of money in memory of Richard Lundquist from Jerry and Judy Cote.
- + Gift of money in memory of Louise Simon from Louise Howson.

### DONATIONS OF MONEY

- + Delores Moschea, Jeff Krueger, Bob Kuehn, The Johnsons, Bob & Marie Mikels, Frank & Marie Lipo, Lee Bley.

### DONATIONS OF MONEY TO MUSEUM/LAND FUND

- + Sue & Joe Jarosh, Phyllis Zatlin, Fred & Judy Hardman, Mike & Barb Madden, Mayo & Marjorie Carrington, Bob & Pat Schutt, The Rushes, and Gail Onan.

### MONEY FOR JACKSONPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPERATING FUND

- + Barry & Toska Quinnies.

### GIFTS AND KIND

- + Tom and Virginia Maher—Collection of Agriculture Antiques—Museum Quality (2 Antique cast iron Farm Implement Seats and Post (19th Century), five 19th Century Ships Wood Blocks, and a 19th Century hand forged wrought iron Ships Hook.)
- + Joe and Alice Quaintance—6' beam removed from a wreck by Reynolds pier in Jacksonport in the 70s. Joe thought it may be a rib from the Perry Hannah sunk in 1880 or the Cecelia sunk in 1885.
- + Gail Onan—Rib from a ship found on the beach in front of their cottage in Jacksonport.
- + Jane Taylor—Rib from a ship found on the beach in Jacksonport near St. Michael's Catholic Church.
- + Kenneth Smith, Kandie Skippon, and Lorie Orthober—Camel back trunk of Ruby (Hanson) Golke, grandmother of Kandie and Lorie.

*Door County Advocate*  
June 24, 1886

*Jacksonport*

*To the Editor of The Advocate:*

*Jacksonport, June 21—Jos. Lemear's new pear is nearly finished.*

*Hibbard's mill is running full time and turning out a fine quality of lumber. Mr. Hibbard raised the frame of another large barn on Wednesday last: Dimensions, 34 x 68 with 18 foot posts.*

*The Rev. W.R. Gardner returned from Fond du Lac on Thursday last and has moved into his own house.*

*The town board of review meets on the 28th instant in the schoolhouse.*

*The ladies of this place are preparing for a picnic on July 5th and a ball in the evening, the proceeds to be divided between the church and the good templar society.*

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*Door County Advocate*  
August 6, 1887

*To the Editor of The Advocate:*

*Jacksonport, August 4—The steamer Depere stopped in port on Thursday morning, having on board one hundred and fifteen passengers bound for northern ports.*

*On Thursday Nic. Welter and George Bagnall took the boat for Escanaba where they will remain for a week or two.*

*Nic. Bley is on the sick list this week.*

*The Rev E.R. Sweatland went to Sturgeon Bay on Saturday, returning the same day.*

*Daniel Conklin and Phillip Klaus have purchased a threshing machine from Rich. Campbell, of Depere and they are now ready for business. Several other machines will run this fall.*

*Fifty-nine vessels have loaded here this summer and there still remains enough wood and bark to load as many more.*

*On Friday John T. Bagnall leaves for Ashland, where he will remain for a few days, and will then go to Escanaba, he being engaged in getting out cedar at that point.*

*Door County Advocate*  
February 16, 1956

*S. Jacksonport*

*Mrs. Elmer Husby, Corres.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Stradling of Alvin, Wis., and formerly of Jacksonport, were callers on friends and relatives here over the weekend. They came here to help celebrate the first birthday of Randy Erskine, Randy is the son of Victor and Margaret (Phillips) Erskine of West Sturgeon Bay.*

*Mr. And Mrs. Glenn Bagnall of Fond du Lac spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Hector Bagnall.*

*Peter Husby of Kohler spent Sunday with the Elmer Husbys.*

*We were most happily surprised over the weekend to have a visit from our nephew Wendell Phillips, Wendell has been on Guam for about two years. He is enjoying a 30 day furlough with his relatives.*

*In spite of the very bad roads, of last Friday, the Pioneer wrestlers journeyed to Manitowoc for the last dual match of the season. The Pioneers won 24-6 to close with a record of 11 wins and 2 losses. On Saturday, March 3, the sectional meet will be held at Coleman. No doubt quite a few parents and friends of the wrestlers will attend the tournament. All are in hopes of the Pioneers bringing home the trophy.*

*Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kasten on their new baby girl.*

*Arthur Bongle had the misfortune to slip on one of those icy days and injure his back.*

*Betty Schmidt spent the week end with her mother and brothers here.*

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*+++Mrs. Elmer Husby wrote the South Jacksonport and Jacksonport news column for the Door County Advocate during the 50s and 60s. This news article is from the collection of her articles she saved in 9 scrapbooks which her daughter Mary Rohr has among her keepsakes.*

# MEMEBERSHIP/CONTRIBUTION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City, \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Annual Membership Dues:

- \$15-Individual
- \$35-Sustaining Individual *Thanks for your extra support*
- \$25-Family
- \$50-Sustaining Family *Thanks for your extra support*
- \$60-Business/Corp./Professional
- \$100-Sustaining Bus./Corp./Prof. *Thanks for your extra support*

## Volunteer Opportunities

I/we would like to help the JHS with:

- Cherry Fest
- Membership Committee
- Fund Drive Committee
- In-School presentations
- Artifact cataloging
- Mailing newsletters, postcards, etc.
- Program Coordinator
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_
- In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- Jacksonport Historical Society Museum Fund
  - Timberman - \$10-\$99
  - Fisherman - \$100-\$499
  - Pioneer - \$500-\$999
  - Settler - \$1,000-\$1868
  - Society of 1869 - \$1,869-\$1,999
- (Jacksonport Township officially became organized)
- Historic Benefactor- \$2,000-\$4,999
- Museum Benefactor - Over \$5,000
- Please maintain this donation as my endowment  
(my donation is maintained in perpetuity, only the annual interest earned is used.)
- For JHS, Inc. operating fund
- Contact us to discuss including the Society in our will or estate plans

Make your check payable to: Jacksonport Historical Society, Inc.  
 and send to: 6315 Cty Trk T, Egg Harbor, WI 54209

### 100% of your donation goes to the Jacksonport Historical Society, Inc.

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Two other names considered for Jacksonport were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_? To find out, follow the directions for each puzzle.

Puzzle 1: Cross out all the same letters that appear more than three times.

Puzzle 2: Cross out the same letters that appear more than twice.

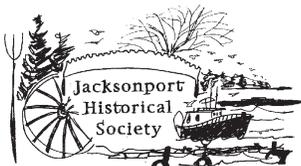
Write the remaining letters in order on the lines below the puzzle.

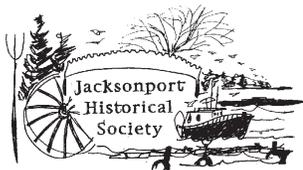
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M	K	R	E	B	T

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R	I	G	E	F	A
C	Y	J	M	H	N
G	H	O	A	L	C
M	D	F	S	J	G
P	H	I	J	O	F
A	I	R	C	M	T





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## **TRAVELING TRUNK FOR AREA SCHOOLS**

Would you like to help!! In order to further develop our youth outreach programs we want to share our history with 4th graders in Door County. We are in the process of gathering items to fill a traveling trunk to be loaned out to any 4th grade class in any school in Door County. The camel back trunk has been donated by the Kandie Skippon family. As this is when they study Wisconsin history, we thought it would be great if they could actually see, feel, and use items that were part of everyday life in the past. Because these children were born in 1998 what doesn't seem so old to us may be very old to them. How many of these children have ever seen or used a dial telephone or a 78 rpm record? Or saw coffee being made in a percolator? Below is a list of things that we could use:

Potato masher /kitchen tools	Telephone
Sewing supplies	Washboard
Toys/games	Military Jacket/hat/clothing
Farm tools	Box camera
Ladies/girls aprons	Rug beater
Records	Roller skates
Dolls	Arrow heads
School books/books	Sports memorabilia
Photos	Letters/diaries/maps

These are examples of what will go into the trunk. If you have any of these items or anything you think might be of interest to these children please contact Vicki Bley at 920-823-2316 or email [vickib@charter.net](mailto:vickib@charter.net). Or if you find you have some spare time on your hands and would like to help with this project please let me know. Any ideas or help would be greatly appreciated.