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***Tidings from the  
Executive Director***

Last spring, BECHS lost one of our past curators. Shirley Broden served as the BECHS Curator for over 5 years during the 1960s and 1970s. Shirley's daughters were kind enough to send us some reminiscences about their mother.

All of them remembered Shirley's love of history. She was very passionate for the society and spent many hours working on improving the exhibits and collections of the society. She took great pride in learning about the collections and county history. She would frequently be found reading the diaries in the BECHS collections and sharing what she learned with family, friends and visitors to BECHS. Shirley put in many extra hours creating exhibits, and putting her all into many projects around the museum.

The Hubbard House was her second home. She loved history, learning, reading, writing, and hands on projects. Shirley was never afraid to get her hands dirty and dig into a challenge, whatever it was. Her primary interest was in the Native American collections. Shirley would work on exhibits of clothing and tools used by the Natives. Shirley was a natural fit for the museum. It allowed her to combine her many interests and share them with others.

When Shirley took over, the society was still based in the Hubbard House. The collections were somewhat disorganized. Much of Shirley's efforts went to organizing the artifacts, and learning more about what BECHS had. She was eager to talk with donors to learn more about the family that used the items and understand the importance of the item to Blue Earth County history.

Shirley's daughter Kenya had moved out of

**The Blue Earth County Historical Society's Heritage Center Gallery, Museum Store and Research Center are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00**

Minnesota before her mother began working for BECHS. Kenya remembers Shirley writing letters explaining all about the progress at the museum. On visits to Mankato, Shirley would bring her to the museum to show off new items donated or discovered in the house.

Shirley's daughter Caryl remembered Shirley's hard work in getting the log cabin installed in the basement and the heartbreak when the heavy rains came washing down Warren Street and flooded the Hubbard House basement. When the alarm call came in, Shirley rushed down to the house to check on it. Cars were being washed down the street and Shirley risked her safety to check on the museum and was almost washed away herself. She was heart-broken to enter the house and see the water in the basement rising almost to the ceiling. The newly assembled log cabin had floated apart. After the water receded, work on the cabin began a second time.

Shirley's youngest daughter, Carlene, was in high school at the time and would help out after school. Carlene remembered the house being dusty and filled with boxes of unidentified artifacts. It was quite the task to get things cleaned up and organized. Mother and daughter spent many afternoons cleaning, sorting and learning about the collections. Carlene credits her mother for bringing history to life for her.

Shirley was a tremendous asset to BECHS. Her work thirty years ago helped build the foundations that the society sits on today. I would like to thank her, and all the other curators, directors, board members and volunteers for the countless hours of work over the past 101 years of efforts to create what we have today.

Shirley's family has given a memorial donation to the society. The money will be used on development of new exhibits. Memorial donations can be dedicated to a specific project, or placed in the endowment fund where the interest is used for operations and the principal is invested, or donations can be placed in the general fund to help BECHS meet our daily operations expenses.

Recent activities of the society include applying for a grant from the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) to

replace many of our cardboard boxes with acid-free, lignin-free storage boxes. This will enable us to better care for our textile collections. The grant must be matched with \$1 for every \$4 the MHS gives us. We expect to hear from the MHS in a few weeks. These grants can be very competitive, however we have a strong application and have worked with a number of the people at the state historical society while preparing it. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards this project is encouraged to do so.

Our Programs Committee is busy working on our fall events. There is a flyer included in this mailing. If you can, please post this flyer somewhere where people can see it and join us for these events.

Cheers,

*James C. Lundgren*  
Executive Director

3rd Annual  
**South Central Minnesota  
Genealogy Expo**  
Saturday, November 1, 2003

Centennial Student Union Ballroom  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost:

\$15 Pre-registration, prior to October 24th  
\$20 Full Registration, after October 24th

For additional information or to register, please  
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## Who Is Albert Schippel?

By  
Emmet Smith  
Family Historian

This story of Albert Schippel was first told to me, as a small boy forty-seven years ago, while visiting in rural Eagle Lake in the hot summer of 1956:

“Well, Buddy, their Dad was away, and the Indians came and told Mommy that others were coming and there was trouble because the Sioux were on the warpath. So Mommy got the kids in the wagon and harnessed up, and they headed for the fort.

“Some other Indians rode up, and they wanted my grandmother's rubber ladies' overshoes. She wasn't having any of that, Buddy, and told the Indians ‘none of that now!’ and whipped up the horses and galloped away. The one Indian had a rifle pointed at her, but it wasn't much, and he shot her as she shook the reins. It hit her in the face but healed up after.

“Anyway, she got away with the kids, and when Albert Schippel grew up, he became an architect and designed half the buildings in Mankato!”

If not a miraculous birth, then at least a remarkable childhood escape and sure evidence that Schippel, in August 1862, was the three-year-old little boy of a determined and stubborn mother. As a small boy myself, hearing the story repeated many times through childhood, I had no doubt whatsoever, then, about who was Albert Schippel! Implicit in the tale of being saved by his mother from Indians was the whole later outcome of his life; given the failed at-gunpoint attempt to rob his mother, Albert Schippel positively could not have failed to grow up to design “half the buildings in Mankato.”

It is a barebones narrative in a scant few dozen words, as heard again and again in my memory. My great-aunt Leona Magly (b 1901), a niece of Albert Schippel, had a whole repertoire, a family litany, of word-for-

word tales; all stiff with pre-postmodern assumptions, values, codes. I delighted in all of them! And as she told me her stories over and over, she would answer patiently my endless child's intrusive questions--though she would never tolerate childish interruption and bad manners by me if we had company! These tales were word pictures of another world; and the “Schippel Story”, as I soon dubbed it when asking to hear it for the nth time, was the jewel in my great-aunt Leona's crown of family-accounts.

I am grateful, personally, to have been given these stories—the voice of Leona Magly, in memory, is a voice of the former age. The Schippel Story, with its intersection of family-lore and a verifiable life, has made me lifelong a passionate lover of history and of the perhaps ever unanswerable question: what really happened? But all of this is the merest beginning of an attempt on the question: Who was Albert Schippel?



Photo reprinted from  
the 13 Dec 1907  
*Mankato Free Press*

The chronology of Albert Schippel, as far as I have been able to reconstruct it from local, county and Mankato informants and archival sources, follows. He was born in January, 1859, in Wisconsin to Anton and Wilhelmina Schippel, Saxon and Prussian émigrés to Minnesota. The events in the Schippel Story took place during the Great Sioux Uprising of 1862, when Albert Schippel was three years old.

Albert is first mentioned in sources in his twenty-sixth year in 1885, in the Mankato City Directory, as boarding with architect George Pass (b 1848) and working as a carpenter. By 1888 Schippel is in his own home, built by himself it is said, at 804 N 6th St, at Vine. Then in 1892, at 518 Vine, Schippel has what appears to have been a carpentry shop near his house.

Also, in the 18 March 1892 *Free Press Weekly*, there is a report that Schippel accidentally sawed off three fingers of his left hand while doing scrollwork with a buzz saw. After being carried in a wagon-bed at a

dead gallop to the office of Dr. Andrews, Schippel, weak with blood-loss, was carried upstairs into the dispensary, where he was successfully treated.

Consequently, Schippel was put up at the home of George Pass, out of the goodness of his heart; the article states that Schippel had learned the trade of architect from George Pass but lately had been working as a carpenter. This last suggests a question: was hands-on carpentry a part of architectural-apprenticeship? Or was Schippel forced to root hog, or die during an early 1890s downturn?

The news report above marks the first public reference to the Pass-Schippel relation. In the 1895 city directory one then sees advertised the firm of Pass and Schippel.

However, the *Minnesota State Historic Architecture Inventory* credits Pass and Schippel with the 1890 North Mankato School at 442 Belgrade Ave. Then Pass and Schippel are cited as architects of the 1896 Troendle house, in Mapleton.

In 1901, the record shows Pass and Schippel to have designed the Oleander Saloon building on North Riverfront Drive (formerly N Front St.); but in the December 1902 news stories and consequent advertisements, Schippel was in business for himself by January 1903.

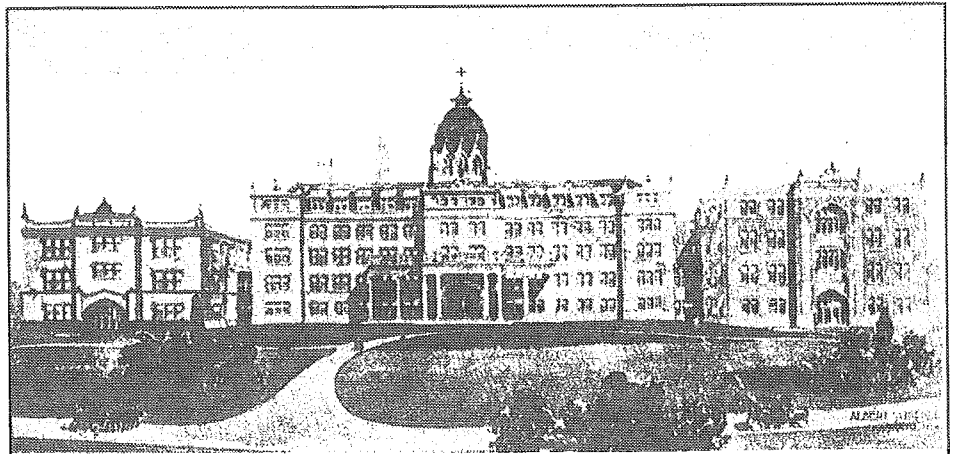
In 1903, Schippel is the architect to design the new Immanuel Lutheran School, now the Wesley Building on N Broad Street at Washington. This building is an understated and beautiful, pure, example of the Palladian renaissance style. The Schippels were German Evangelicals, but I do not know if Albert Schippel was still a communicant at this time. Later records show him a Presbyterian who was buried in Glenwood Cemetery.

1904 is the year of the Schippel-designed Brandrup house at 704 Byron that is today on the National Registry of Historic Places; it was the palatial home

of the proprietor of the successful Mankato business school.

1907 was a major year for Schippel, certainly in the public eye! As architect, Schippel features prominently in news of the building and dedication of the new Centenary Methodist Church (long since wrongly pulled down!)--as does Dr. Andrews, treated Schippel's hand fifteen years before. In fact, Dr. Andrews is credited with having raised so much money that the congregation was debt-free!

Another major project of Schippel's was his design of the 1910 German Evangelical Ladies' Seminary, now the Bethany Lutheran College "old main" building; it



Ladies' Seminary, Mankato, Minn.

Photo of Ladies Seminary property of Blue Earth County Historical Society

is a utilitarian renaissance interpretation on a u-shaped Palazzo plan. At age 48-50, this was professional success indeed; and Schippel was by way of being a regional architect. In these years, Schippel also designed part of the old Immanuel Hospital, then on N 4th Street, incorporating a solarium-concept. All of this sort of work gave him some cachet as an institutional designer. The Romanesque style 1910 Rice County Jail (now human services offices), 128-3rd St. NW, Faribault, is Schippel's. He also designed the 1914 New Ulm Armory. The 1916 W. J. Paffrath house in Springfield, Minnesota is by Schippel; and he would re-design the storm-damaged LeSueur County courthouse tower in 1919, according to state records. Interestingly, Schippel and his young partner from the early 1920's, Ernest H. Schmidt, would also design the 1922 Mankato Armory on N 2nd Street.

To my eye, the most intriguing of Schippel's surviving buildings is the 1913 Kruse Terrace on Parsons Street, just off East Pleasant (Clark Street). The Parsons row houses are based on the Philippines bungalow style, popularized first in California at the San Diego exposition by the architect brothers Greene and Greene. Schippel incorporated bungalow detailing, four-by-four beams and brackets, and exposed drip-beams, with elements of Wright's 1910 Prairie School houses, including separate entrance porches and outside ice-doors on the back porches. Also, the broad expanse of the south wall allowed Schippel to use contrasting brick-patterns, interlarded with limestone detailing, to relieve an otherwise monotonous visual field.

A hint of Schippel's successful social affiliations comes in 1915. In that year, Schippel won the contract to design IOOF Lodge #108 in Windom, Minnesota. Then in December, Schippel, his family and a party of other statewide Odd Fellows piled into the noon 'down' train for the overnight banquet and dedicatory festivities at the new Windom lodge.

A pleasing note to this as yet wholly inadequate first chronology of Albert Schippel is the news report of a January 1916 builders' gathering in Mankato, at which Architect Schippel (who delighted in a certain soft orange Mankato brick and our native limestone) advocated builders buying locally; while George Pass, at the same meeting and eleven years' Schippel's senior, reminisced about how poor were the workmen of the 1880's in contrast to 1916. Finally, the story said that architect Henry Gerlach did not speak from the podium, but, at the back of the hall, exchanging stories and banter with the other guests.

The Schippels had two daughters, one of whom lived long at home, aspired to art and music, and became indeed a singer of light opera. My great-aunts (Alma and Leona Magly) told stories against their city cousin and spoke darkly of people at parties "chain-smoking" and "social drinking", and of an elopement with a minor German count or duke.

In the end, in December 1934, Albert Schippel went away to Dallas for the winter--a very early winter Texan! He died there in his seventy-sixth year, on

22 January 1935. Now we are at an end of this first try at deriving an impression of this architect Schippel, my second great-uncle, who of course, did NOT design "half the buildings in Mankato." Have any delvings here yielded any answer to the question, WHO was Albert Schippel?

**Resources:**

Family Records

BECHS Research Center materials

Website: <http://www.mnriv.com/schippel.html>

**Recent Donations**

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**Thank You All Very Much!**

## *Notes from the Collections Manager . . .*

October is the month to celebrate family history and the collection of historical records. This month BECHS will take part in the National Archives Week celebration and the South Central Minnesota Genealogy Expo.

Archives Week was created 15 years ago in New York to promote how historical records enrich our lives. It also acknowledges the institutions which collect and preserve historical records. The week of October 27-November 1, BECHS will celebrate Archives Week. An open house will be held on Tuesday, October 28th from 6-8 p.m. This will be an opportunity for you to check out what's new in the Research Center and visit with other groups. Also, during Archives Week there will be a 10% discount on archival and genealogical supplies in the Museum Store.

At the end of Archives Week, BECHS will co-sponsor the third annual South Central Minnesota Genealogy Expo. It will take place on Saturday, November 1st at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The Expo is a great opportunity for genealogists to learn tips from experienced researchers. Topics this year include: Using Military Records, Researching Czech, Planning a Family Reunion, Researching Danish and Cemetery Research. For more information about the Expo, check out the website:  
[www.lib.mnsu.edu/lib/archives/expo/expo.html](http://www.lib.mnsu.edu/lib/archives/expo/expo.html)  
or call BECHS at 345-5566.

We hope you will join us as we celebrate Family History month!

*Jessica Potter,*  
Collections Manager

**Check out our updated and  
expanded web site:**

**[www.rootsweb.com/~mnbechs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mnbechs)**

## *Through the Research Center door:*

One of the best resources the Blue Earth County Historical Society has in the Research Center are the cemetery transcriptions. This information is a valuable tool for researchers. There are many reasons a death record or an obituary cannot be found and that's when the information carved in stone becomes important, but it's only helpful if it still exists. Even stone doesn't last forever, time and the elements take their toll. This information needed to be recorded before it was lost.

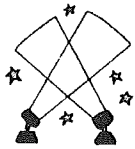
The project to transcribe the cemeteries was started in 1988 and over the next seven years almost all of the cemeteries, even some of those on the edge of the counties borders were transcribed. The first cemetery to be walked was Tivoli Cemetery near St. Clair. Both big and small cemeteries, like the Ohio Cemetery in Ceresco Township and Calvary in Mankato, have been walked and to date we have transcribed 70 cemeteries. The Blue Earth County Historical Society couldn't have done this alone, we partnered with the Traverse des Sioux Genealogical Society and we asked for the public's help as well.

We are again assembling groups interested in walking the few remaining cemeteries and updating the others. If you are interested please contact us. We hope to start in the spring. All of this important information gathered is stored in a large database. If you haven't been in the Research Center lately we've created a large alphabetical surname index to make searching the cemetery transcription very fast and easy. We can provide copies of complete cemeteries if wanted and we have maps showing where each cemetery is located.

So if you've been to the Research Center and think you've found it all, there may be something new to discover. Stop by and see what's new and ask me a question or two.

*Shelley Harrison*  
Archives Assistant





## Volunteer Spotlight

I consider our department as a collector of history. Think of history as a good book. It doesn't hold your interest very long if you only read lists of births, tax roles, obituaries but if you add in items such as these that I clipped from old issues of the Lake Crystal Tribune:

"The water fountain at the end of Main Street in Lake Crystal was damaged beyond repair when it was struck over night by a team of runaway horses."

"The Hoffman family, of the Rush Lake community, is under a diphtheria quarantine. Two-year-old Dorothy was the first to become ill followed by mother Anna and the girls."

"More attention was paid to the horse with a broken leg after the wagon he was pulling had been struck by the train going to Rapidan. Folks thought Grandpa was dead, but really only unconscious with a bloody head wound."

These and many other items have been clipped. Perhaps they ended up in the round file but to me they are Blue Earth County history. Granted, today's modern papers must be searched again and again to find items of such interest. Stories of people, events and celebrations are what make history exciting and special.

*Helen Griffith*

### New Members

Allen County Public  
Library  
Allen, Stephanie  
Compton, Harlan &  
Nancy  
Crane, Donald & Sue  
Franklin, Elizabeth  
Gemlo, Sandra

Groeber, Dewey  
Heyer, Julie  
Jacobsen, John & Sonja  
Mohr, Mary  
O'Malley, Helen  
Stemper, Donald  
Vee, Harlan

## Blue Earth County Historical Society Archives Week

October 28 - November 1, 2003

### OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, October 28

6 - 8 p.m.

BECHS Heritage Center

415 East Cherry Street - Mankato

- ✓ Check out what's new in the BECHS Research Center
- ✓ Free admission to the Research Center (*Tuesday night only*)
- ✓ Visit with the Southern Minnesota Historical Center Archivist, Daardi Sizemore
- ✓ View 2003 History Day projects by Mankato West High School students
- ✓ 10% discount on Archival and Genealogy Supplies in the Museum Store all week

Join us as we celebrate how historical records enrich our lives!

### Renewed Members

Barber, Eddice  
Erikson, Glenn & Helen  
Friday, Mona  
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Habein, Harold  
Hollingsworth, Alice  
How, Mary Ellen  
Humphrey, Mary  
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Jenkins, Margaret  
Keenan, Jerry  
Kind, Arn & Margaret  
Krause, Dolores  
Lamson, Dave & Barb  
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Johnson, Margureite  
Lewis, Chuck  
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McLean, Edward F.  
McMillin, Ronald  
Niu, Dana  
Nydahl, Irene  
Palmer, John  
Phelps, Dean  
Ringheim, Marilyn  
Scheidel, Ruth & Al  
Schrader, Julie  
Simonette, William & Josie  
Vosbeek, Judith



## July - September 2003 BECHS Donations

**Allen, Stephanie:** Clothing worn by Gensmer Family: Men's dress shirts (4), Blouse - brown, Suit - 3 pc. with silk suspenders, Blouse - black, Suit coat, Stole, Photos (7) - Good Thunder, Photo (1) - Rapidan Dam

**Anderson, Roy F.:** Family History - Mary Rykhus, Family History - Ole Olsen Rykhus

**Anonymous Donor:** Photo album - unidentified photos, Books - *The Popular History of the Civil War*, *The Political Grammar of the U.S.*, *A History of the U.S. of A.*, *An Elementary Dictionary for Common Schools*, *The Bazar Book of Decorum*, Scrapbook - belonged to Ida Darr

**Baer, Marcia:** Paper - Brett's Bridal Registry, Book - *Poetic Thoughts and Memories*

**Barsness, Jeanette:** Magazine - Life, Magazine - The Ladies Home Journal

**BECHS:** Newspaper - The Free Press, May 4, 2003, Photo - Willow Creek Cemetery Sign, Photo (8) - Wilder family headstones

**Braam, Eugene:** Sign - Hilltop Tavern

**Carlson, William:** Book - *First Christian Church history 1993*, Book - *Mankato Commercial College catalogue* (reproduction)

**Davis, Shirley:** Photo - Hubbard Milling employees, 1937

**Devney, Kenneth:** Verityper

**Dobie, Joseph:** Photo - Mapleton City Band, 1907

**Dooley, Mary:** Map (copy) - MN Post Route, 1885, Map (copy) - US Military Roads, 1859, Air photo images (copy) - BEC, 1983

**Edwards, William:** Brass Lamp

**Frederick, Mike:** Button - Mapleton Days 2003, Button (5) - Good Thunder Days 2003, Hat - Mankato Mack Sales, Coin - R.C. Latourelle, MN Lake, Coin - City of Mankato Mass Transit 1976, Paper fan - Rockin in the Quarry 2003, Postcard - M.E. Church Lake Crystal, Postcard - Welsh C.M. Church Lake Crystal, Postcard - Pergola in Sibley Park, Postcard - Sibley Park Race track, Postcard - Baptist Church Good Thunder, Postcard - St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Postcard - Merry Christmas 1991, Postcard - Sohre Bros. Good Thunder, Postcard - Laudon Buick Mankato, Postcard - Beutz Motors Mankato, Program - SSND Gala 1999, Program - Mankato Moon Dogs 2003, Program - Mankato Lancers Final Concert '96, Handbook BENCO Electric 1966, Bethany Lutheran College Report 2003, Ashtray - Lee's B-Line Service, Mug - The Jungle, Can Cozy - Keepers RV Center, Pens (7), Bag - Mankato The Jewel of So. MN, Book - *The Schola Foundation Alumni Directory 2003*, Booklet - Otaknam Juniors April 1914, Photo - Ruttlles (2), Photo - Happy Chef (2), Photo - History Fest/Land of Memories Park (2), Invitation - SSND Notre Dame Hall 2003, Can Cozy - Fromm's Auto - 25th Anniversary, Pencils (5), Pens (6), Spatula - Frank Bros. Feed and Grain Co., Cookbook - Epiphany Lutheran Church, Postcards - Ladies Seminary, 1910 - St. Joseph's Hospital (2) - Union School, 1908 - Immanuel Hospital, 1909 - Minneopa Falls, 1910 - Mankato Fair Grounds, Program - South Central MN Pridefest, Annual Report - GMEDC 2002,

Greater Mankato Community Profile 2003, Site Info - Eastwood Industrial Centre and North Port Industrial Park

**Gable, Joy:** Slides (5) - Mankato views 1982

**Ganske, Maxine:** Lantern

**Grundmeier, Win:** Booklet - Mankato HS class of 1948

reunion, License Plates (1), Program - Concert on the Courthouse Lawn, Ceramic Plate, Tack Puller, Wallet, Postcard - Commercial - Amboy, Postcard - Commercial - Mankato (2), Envelope - Kuebler School of Dance, Pin - Army officer's cap emblem, Badge - Army

**Hamer, Nancy:** Reports (8) - Final Environmental Impact Statement re: DM&E Railroad

**Hanson, Kathryn:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church Directories (24), Book - *Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1970*, Programs (4) - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Photo and Obit - Dr. Dahl

**Hodson, Alice:** Church history - Bethany Lutheran Church

**Humphrey, Mary:** Crib, High Chair - 1950s

**Jensen, Orville:** Electric Razor

**Johnson, Carol:** Identified photographs

**Keir, Grace:** T-shirt - Red Jacket Trail Task Force, Pencil - MSU, Disposable Paper Dress

**Kubicek, Joe:** Book - *History of the Minnesota Riekes*, Booklet - *The Mankato Story*, 1965

**LaFavor, Lyle:** Slides (15) - BEC Fair 1962 and 1965, Slides (35) - BEC events 1959-1962, Postcard - Mankato Front Street

**Langer, Carol:** Vietnam Conflict Pilot Flight Suit and Helmet

**Lindblom, Pat:** Book - *A Newspaper Story of the Sioux Uprising*

**Lindemann, Coleen:** Postcard - Mapleton All School Reunion 1991, Calendar - Mapleton 125 Years 2003

**Lundgren, James:** Calendar - BECHS 1980, Book - *Kasota: A Historical Perspective*, Book - *St. John's Ev. Luth. Church 1945*, Newspaper - Bend of River Festival 1984-1987

**Madsen, Jack:** Blueprints - Red Owl Store, 1950

**Marti, Helen:** St. Clair Friendship Club minutes

**McComb, Mary:** Book - *Old Timers Band Picture album*, Program - Concert on the Courthouse Lawn, Cellular Telephone, 1998

**McGrew, Mary:** Wedding Dress 1975

**McLaughlin, Theresa:** Program - 135th Infantry Reunion, Program - Dedication of Mankato Armory (2), Papers regarding reunion (2)

**Melick, Marvin:** Name plate - Mankato Brewing Co.

**Moon, Milton:** Family History - Moon Family

**Mueller, Keith:** Mueller Family Papers, Photo - Philipp Mueller farm, 1880s, Photo - Adolph Mueller home, Photo - Broad Street Mankato, Daily Record books (14) - Philipp Mueller, Minute Book - School Dist. #2, Notebook - used by Lewis Mueller

**Olson, C. Jean :** Songbook - *Katolight's Life of the Party*, Program - Zion United Methodist Church

**Pischner, Daryl:** Ironing Board, Pick

**Preston, Earl:** Medo-McPherson Cemetery Society papers

**Preston, Norma:** Photos (4) - Zion United Methodist Church, Guest Book - Zion United Methodist Church, Programs (4) - Zion United Methodist Church, Bible - Zion United Methodist Church

**Randalls, Vickie Mason:** Book - *Red Moon Rising* by donor  
**Schaefer, Darold:** Stand

**Schmitz, Joan:** Container - Thomas Drug, Graduation Announcement - Mapleton  
HS 1916, Ashtray - Preston Radio and TV Eagle Lake, Wooden clothes hanger  
**Smith, Emmett:** CD - Interview with Emmett Smith  
**Sofchalk, Helen:** Photos - Honeymead (66), Newsletters - Honeymead (4)  
**Tarjeson, Jane:** Book - *Aging with Grace*, Brooch (2), Photos (3) - Garberg Cabin  
dedication 2003, Booklet - *Explore Blue Earth County (Western Section)* by Jane Tarjeson, Mankato Fire Department cards (19), Bag - Harpies Bazaar  
**Webb, Donna:** Pens (8)  
**Wittrock, Eleanor:** Star Clothing House advertising card, Sign- "CD No. Mankato", Newspaper - New Ulm Journal - 1965 Flood

## NEW BECHS EXHIBITS

### Blue Earth County Medicine

A look at the medical profession in Blue Earth County with special focus on the Immanuel Hospital nursing program, Dr. M. Clifford Florine and the Mankato Clinic.

### A Collection Within the Collection

A new rotating exhibit featuring mini collections of objects from BECHS' three-dimensional collections room. Currently featuring children's shoes and political buttons.

### That's Entertainment

Walk down memory lane through entertainment's past. This exhibit opened in April 2003 and will run through March 2005. It features entertainment's past with a look at outdoor recreation, music (the Kato Ballroom), movies, home sweet home and dining out. Learn the dance steps for the Foxtrot or take a seat in the movie theater for a showing of clips from your favorite old films.

### 50th Anniversary of the Korean War

The Korean War cease-fire is commemorated this year with the 50th Anniversary. BECHS looks at the history of the war with the personal connection of a few Blue Earth County residents.

### Coming Soon ...

Business Spotlight featuring Blue Earth County businesses. Opening in early 2004 - Hickory Tech formerly known as Mankato Citizens Telephone Company: A Century of Telecommunication.

### Explore BECHS' Exhibits Today!

## WISH LIST

- ✓ Paper cutters for archives & gallery
- ✓ Construction lumber for shelves
- ✓ Acid-free, lignin-free boxes for storage
- ✓ Recent microfilm copies of area newspapers
- ✓ Digital camera for recording our collections and special events



## Rapidan Heritage Society

If you have had the opportunity to drive by the Rapidan Depot this summer, you will have noticed the improvements made to it. We have a dedicated group of volunteers that are willing to spend their spare time on the restoration of the depot. Part of the north wall had to be replaced because of rotten wood. Special thanks to Dan Toegel and the young men of his class for spending time this summer scraping and painting. The depot is now painted gray and new windows will replace the old.

The Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> bus trip was a success. Highlight of the day was a 90-minute train ride on the Osceola & St. Croix Valley Railway through the beautiful St. Croix Valley. We experienced riding in a 1950's coach car, and enjoyed seeing and hearing about the restored mail car at the rear of the train. Thanks to all who "rode the rails" with RHS. Proceeds from the day trip will be used for restoration of the depot roof.

*Jane Tarjeson*  
Secretary, RHS

## Volunteers July - September

Apitz, Darrel  
Baer, Jim  
Baer, Marcia  
Baird, Jane  
Baldwin, Sara  
Bartholdi, Roberta  
Bartsch, Glenn  
Burns, Inella  
Burton, Ronnie  
Coleman, Mary  
Cords, Betty  
Das, Dee  
Dauk, Lindsey  
Demars, Jeanne  
Diamond, Sandy  
Dooley, Mary  
Falenczykowski, Lona  
Frederick, Michael  
Francis, Pat  
Goff, Harley  
Graham, Joanne  
Griffith, Helen  
Grundmeier, Shirley  
Grundmeier, Win  
Goschy, Deb  
Hagen, Tom  
Hanson, Kathryn  
Herbst, Gordon

Hopman, Edith  
Hugg, Corey  
Hugg, Bob  
Jansen, Steve  
Jensen, Mary Ann  
Jensen, Orv  
Johnson, Casey  
Keir, Grace  
Keir, Richard  
Kubicek, Joe  
Kubicek, Sylva  
Lagerquist, Mike  
Lamson, Barb  
Lavitschke, Dean  
Lavitschke, Jo-an  
Lundblad, Larry  
Madsen, Jack  
McComb, Mary  
McGowan, Jack  
McLaughlin, Theresa  
McLaughlin, Tom  
Nesheim, Steve  
Niu, Dana  
Norman, Beth  
Norman, John  
Nussbaumer, Linda  
Nysteen, Aleigha  
Ohlenkamp, Ora

O'Malley, Helen  
Patterson-Lundgren, Molly  
Rezmerski, John  
Ries, Bill  
Riesdorf, Richard  
Salsbery, Tom  
Sandon, Buzz  
Sassenberg, Eunice  
Schaefer, Dawn  
Schmidt, Roberta  
Schmitz, Leora  
Schultz, Jo  
Schultz, Bob  
Shortall, Christina  
Smith, Emmett  
Smith, H. Roger  
Sofchalk, Helen  
Steichen, Frank  
Sugden, George  
Tarjeson, Jane  
Twilight Garden Club  
Webb, Donna  
Wichtendahl, Paul  
Wilson, Bernadette  
Wright, Lorraine  
Ziegler, Ken  
Zielske, Dan  
Zimmer, Beth

## Volunteers Are Always Needed

If you have some time to spare to help us preserve history, please give us a call. We can find a project to suit your interests and skills. Some examples are:

*helping to clean and decorate the Hubbard House for Christmas*  
*clipping Mankato Free Press for Archives*  
*working with some carpentry projects*  
*participating on the Development and Marketing Committee*

## Memorials

For:	From:
Broden, Shirley	Darge, Caryl & Karl Joyal, Rodney & Virginia Smith, Kimberly & Michael
Confer, Elizabeth	Franklin, Elizabeth
Ewalt, Murry	McGregor, Brian and Karen
Fischer, George	Boyce, Dave & Doris
Harfield, Francis	Boyce, Dave & Doris
Just, Bunny	Tarjeson, Jane
Kirby, Alan	Boyce, Dave & Doris
Kraft, Frank	Kraft, Judy
Roberts, Jane Ann	Jones Richards, Marcia Buck, Margaret
Steiner, William C	Boyce, Dave & Doris

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415 Cherry Street  
Mankato, MN 56001

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## BECHS Membership Benefits:

- Support preservation of our heritage
- Free admission to the Hubbard House
- Free admission to the Exhibit Gallery
- Free access to the Research Center
- Invitations to special events
- 10% discount at the Museum Store
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- Quarterly history publication

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