

# The Negaunee Historical Society

303 East Main Street, P.O. Box 221,  
**SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT, Virginia Paulson



Another season at the museum has come to an end. We will open as needed for those fall visitors that make appointments. Also, some of our volunteers will open up a few days during the week for limited hours. We had an ice cream social to celebrate the grand opening of the new porch in June. We had decorated tables on the porch where people could sit and enjoy an ice cream sundae or a cone and a cup of coffee. What a great setting for an event like this! We are thinking that this may be an annual event, so watch for it next summer.

I want to thank all the volunteers that help to keep our museum open every day of the week. We continue to get great comments about the displays from our visitors. It's been a great season and we hope to see you next summer.

VIRGINIA PAULSON



Members of the governing board at the ribbon cutting ceremony standing from L-R: Donna, Paul, Laura, Suzanne, Virginia, Pat, Roland, Jeanne, Dave. Camera shy were Linda & Miles

## 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING DATE SCHEDULED

Our future monthly meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, October 7 and Monday, November 3 at 7:00 at the museum. The Historical Society will hold its 30<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on Tuesday, December 2 in the Fellowship Hall at the Immanuel Lutheran Church at 7:00pm followed by its regular monthly meeting. Election of four (4) trustees will be on the agenda as three-year terms will expire for Donna Bjork, Dave Dompierre Sr, Virginia Paulson and Jeanne Sandstrom. Nominations can be presented at our October 7th and November 3rd meetings while additional nominations may be presented at the Annual Meeting. Refreshments will be served and all members are encouraged and welcome to attend.



## **HOME TOUR ATTRACTS 107 VISITORS**



The annual Home Tour was held on Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and was successful again this year. Suzanne Morris provided the planning for this event but wants to genuinely thank each and every volunteer, every homeowner and every business that donated to this fundraising event for our museum. Four homes and our museum were available for the tour with refreshments served at the museum.

## **DONATIONS**

Range Bank – monetary sponsorship; Globe Printing – provided free graphic design time for the brochures and posters; Super One Foods – cheese, crackers, ice, juice and cookies; Midtown Bakery – cookies; Shelly's Floral Boutique – helium filled balloons; and Immanuel Lutheran Church – coffee and lemonade.

## **TOUR VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteer ticket collectors and tour assistants at the museum and homes included: Judy Altobello, Kathy McCormick, Donna Bjork, Ciarra Bjork, Karen Hakala, Roland Koski, Virginia Paulson, Connie Scanlon, Amy Stanaway, Pat Johnson, and Christie Kangas. Miles Parkkonen took pictures for the brochure and poster.

## **HOME OWNERS**

These generous individuals were kind enough to open their homes for our biggest money making event of the year: Jean and Joseph Maino (201 East Main Street); Cheryl and Greg Dix (205 East Peck Street); Bobbie and Bill Hartman (237 Shoreline Drive); Hannah McKnight (133 East Lincoln Street).

## **VOLUNTEERS COMBINE 200 YEARS OF QUILTING**



These quilters from Immanuel Lutheran Church have combined more than 200 years of making quilts for Lutheran World Relief since they began back in 1960's. The quilters have done their work every Thursday afternoon with the exception of their summer vacation. Pictured left to right are Edna Laurila, Lillian Rivers, Elsie Kantola, June Jarvi and Laila Kuivanen.

***IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED MEMBER  
Ann Marie (Levine) Sorenson – 26NOV2013***

## **INTERESTING HISTORICAL DATES – 1850-1900**

Shown below are some interesting historical dates from August-December (prior to 1900)  
Excerpts are taken from our book, “Negaunee’s Early Years, Dominated by Mining”

- 1855      October 4, Barbara Koehler becomes the first person born in Negaunee at the Carp River Forge. She later married the cemetery sexton, John Stecher.
- 1855      November 1, Plank Road begins operation with mule-drawn cars making only one round trip daily to Marquette with a 4-ton load of iron ore on wooden rails.
- 1871      September, Jackson School on Snow Street opens for children of miners employed at the Jackson Mine pits. The school bell can still be rung at the museum.
- 1873      October 16, First steam fire engine is purchased for the Negaunee Fire Company #1 which was organized two days later.
- 1873      November 13, First edition of the weekly “Negaunee Iron Herald” is published.
- 1880      October 11, Breitung Hotel opens for business on Iron Street.
- 1885      November 28, Dedication of the Scandinavian Church on Cyr Street (Bethany Lutheran Church).
- 1891      November 23, Negaunee Post Office opens for business.
- 1895      September, Park Street School opens.
- 1900      October 26, Arson suspected as `Jackson Stump` is burned beyond recognition.



### **CEMETERY TOUR PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

Another Cemetery Tour has been planned for Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from noon till 3:00. The walking tour of less than one mile will be highlighted by the placing of an engraved marker for Philomina Cody by the Iron Plat Reunion Committee. Flowers will also be placed for the seven other family graves on the lot. Below are the burial sites we will visit on the tour:

Louie Rule (and his wheelbarrow)  
Dr. Roland Sanregret (school dentist)  
Philomina Cody (Patch Location resident)  
George Knutson/Dr. Sheldon (same home)  
Roy Lee (school bus driver & local distributor)  
Peter Trudell Jr (postmaster, sports enthusiast)

Donations are welcome for the tour and refreshments will be served at the cemetery. If anyone can provide pictures, stories or any other information to use for the tour, please contact the tour organizer, Roland Koski (475-7622).

## **HOW DID NEGAUNEE NAME ITS STREETS?**

(The following illustrations are possible reasons for these street names)

### **CAPT SAMUEL MITCHELL (11APR1846 – 10MAY1908)**



Mitchell Avenue is located just south of LaCombe Field and it also extended southeast off of Brown Avenue before its closure due to the unsafe conditions on old mining property. On February 14, 1887, Samuel became the largest individual owner of the Jackson property, the Negaunee Mine site, and also owned the site of the 1<sup>st</sup> discovery of iron ore in the Lake Superior district. He became the President and owned 2,400 shares of stock worth over \$800,000. He was one of the founders of the 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank and was also responsible in the rebuilding of the Methodist Episcopal Church now named in his honor as the Mitchell Memorial M. E. Church. Research also shows that Mitchell Avenue originated on October 13, 1887 and was located from East Main to East Case.

### **VICTORIA (COLLINS) HARVEY (24JAN1881– 7AUG1959)**



Victoria Avenue is located just north of LaCombe Field and lies between Hungerford Avenue and Baldwin Avenue. Victoria was the youngest of 6 daughters born to Samuel and Hannah Collins. Samuel owned all of the property just east of the playgrounds and also north across the highway. It was originally named the Collins Addition and Samuel had his potato farm and slaughterhouse in this area. Research says that Sam named this street after his youngest daughter, Victoria.

### **DR. HORACE W SHELDON (26JUL1854– Unknown)**

(Records can only show that he was still living in 1930 but his death record remains a mystery)



Sheldon Street is located just north of the Immanuel Lutheran Church and the first street to the left off Baldwin Avenue. Dr. Sheldon was a graduate of Brown University, M.A. in 1881 and Rush Medical Hospital in 1885 and was the first person interned in the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, IL. He married Alma (Cole) on February 1, 1905. He was the original owner of the home located at 125 E. Main Street and worked in the Negaunee Hospital on Teal Lake Avenue following the accidental drowning death of Dr. Hudson in 1904. Alma's genealogy descendants included the "Boosta" Stanaway and Richard Pellow families.

**JOIN TODAY...  
TO REMEMBER YESTERDAY...  
AND BE A PART OF TOMORROW....**



Above, the descendants of Samuel and Hannah Collins at the dedication of the Samuel Collins Cabin in Old Town Negaunee on July 6. Below, Paul Collins, great-great grandson of Samuel Collins, speaks during the dedication of the Collins Cabin while portraying his great-great-grandfather.

## Historic Collins Cabin dedicated in Old Towne

NEGAUNEE — More than 100 members of the Collins family converged on Old Towne in Negaunee recently to dedicate the original home of their ancestors, Samuel and Hannah Collins.

The Negaunee Lions Club — in conjunction with the Negaunee Historical Society — has worked on restoring the log cabin since 2009. The cabin is believed to be the first home of Samuel and Hannah Collins, who were Negaunee pioneers.

The cabin was relocated to Old Town beside the Iron Ore Heritage Trail and the dedication of the cabin was July 6 during Negaunee Pioneer Days.

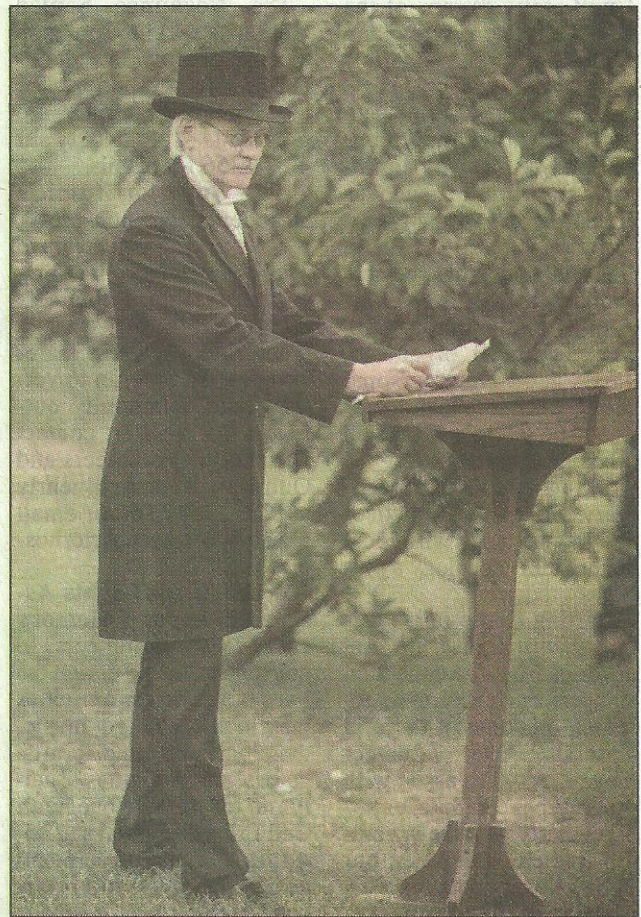
Those participating in the dedication were David Dompierre of the Negaunee Lions Club and Negaunee Historical Society, James Thomas representing the Iron Ore

Heritage Trail Authority, Gerald Corkin representing Negaunee Parks and Recreation, David Danielson representing the Collins Family and Paul Collins, great-great grandson of Samuel Collins who portrayed his great-great-grandfather at the dedication.

The descendants of Samuel and Hannah Collins held a family reunion in conjunction with the dedication, with 116 family members in attendance enjoying a pasty lunch (Hannah came from Cornwall) and updating family ties and genealogy.

Many came from other states and lower Michigan, but many live in the local area and elsewhere in the U.P.

In addition, a donation of \$575 was given by the Collins family for the continuing maintenance of the cabin.



## LETTERS TO THE SOCIETY

July 5, 2014

*Suzanne Morris: "Thank you for the street map of Negaunee. Of some interest, the Farrer's immigrated from Dalton, England but along the way Farrer became Ferrer. The farm house was moved to Prince Street due to caving grounds. It was a two story white house with an enclosed front porch. I will be sharing the map with Judy Farrer Armstrong of Washington, D.C. Her dad was Walter David, one of the five children of William and Isabelle Farrer. I give you four "Atta Girls". Enclosed is a gift for the Historical Society. Thanks again."*

**Bill Stille, Class of 1946 – Jackson, MI**

August 19, 2014

*"Hi, I just wanted to take the time to personally thank Virginia Paulson for her time and attention to my husband and I during our visit. I am a former resident of Negaunee (back in 1967) and have only a few memories of my time in Negaunee. One story I shared with Mrs. Paulson concerned my rather disenchanted memory of my first grade teacher at what was then called Central Grade School. As it turned out, Mrs. Paulson knew of this teacher and in fact, worked for her at some point. She proceeded to tell me her experience with this teacher, which in the end, changed my 6 year old perspective about her. Mrs. Paulson was very knowledgeable about the school and city and I found her information highly engaging. I will be sure to visit the Museum next time we journey up to the U.P."*

**Candy Schroeder - New Berlin, WI**

## CLIFFS - EAGLE MINE MARQUETTE COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND PRESENTS \$6,500.00 GRANT TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Miles Parkkonen and Virginia Paulson are shown accepting a \$6,500.00 check from Dale Hemmilla that our society received from Cliffs-Eagle Mine. Thank you to Miles for his effort in receiving this grant to have all of the "Negaunee Iron Heralds" (1873-1968) digitized and our ability to use the "search" method to locate Negaunee's historical items much faster. Thank you once again to the "Cliffs-Eagle Mine Marquette Community Fund" for presenting us this grant.

## **REMEMBERING THE TWIN CITY THRIFT SHOP**

*"Lonely people come in here to browse around and shop"*



Thanks to the persistence of Lillian Brisson, pictured at left, the Twin Cities Thrift Shop had come a long way since opening its doors in the basement of the Breitung Hotel on April 21, 1970. Lillian was a community worker for the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board (AMCAB) and saw a real need for clothing when visiting area homes. Lillian and her husband (Clarence) were happy to get their basement cleaned for the good of others. He was an enthusiastic worker in cleaning, painting and setting up racks in the Breitung Hotel basement. Over the next 20+

years, the shop had expanded its offerings to include winter footwear, ice skates, swimming trunks, plants, books and appliances. It had also made donations to send children to bible camp, to buy clothing for children, aid in funerals and for fire victims as well as helping several area organizations in time of need. All of this from an energetic and heart-warming voluntary group of ladies.

*Began in basement*  
**Thrift shop serves all**

The Thrift Store moved in 1976 and was located next to the Post Office on the corner of Kanter and West Case Street until its closure prior to 1995. The building also was used as the Twin City Bakery and Baratono's Grocery Store (Peter and Cesarina owners) in the past with living quarters located on the second floor.



### **WHAT KIND OF VOLUNTEER ARE YOU?**

Some are like trailers—they have to be pulled.

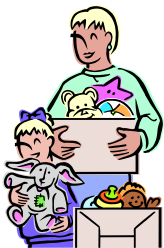
Some are like canoes—they need to be paddled.

Some are like wheelchairs—not good until pushed.

Some are like kittens—they are contented when petted.

Some are like balloons—full of wind and ready to blow up.

Some are like kites—if a string is not kept on them, they will fly away.



Many volunteers were like the stars—there when you needed them, loyal, very dependable and a guide to all people. Wasn't it nice that we had so many stars who volunteered at the Twin City Thrift Store?

## GIFTS, DONATIONS AND TIME

(Since our March newsletter)



Arlene Lancour- Victorian dress top  
Lynn Chevrette- 1960's Toastmaster toaster  
Ron Collins- 2 pictures and map of Negaunee history  
NHS/St. Paul Class of 1963 – copy of 50-year reunion book  
Vista Thrift Shop- 2 twisted gold-colored photo plate holders  
Tanya Stanaway- set of dishes from Allitaren Tupa, Kaleva hall  
Joan Blewett- Negaunee Thrift Store scrapbook & misc pictures  
Roy Mattson- 1924 commencement schedule and auto manual  
Bill Taggart- pie plate 1853-1903 made by Lake Superior Iron Co  
Dennis Takalo- 300 board feet of pine lumber for Collins Log Cabin  
Bill Taggart- Acorn Lodge medal w/ribbon (name: Mary Stanaway)  
Terry Tincknell – men's suit made for Levine Bros. Department store  
Dennis Stanaway- driving in the Pioneer Day parade & several pictures  
Tom Chevrette- Mattson/Juhola/Lehtinen family history book he created  
Several monetary gifts in memory of James Mattson and Jeffrey Rosten  
Marie Rogers- pictures of Maas Mine, Lakeview Gym, Kaleva men & ladies  
Marilyn Crowe Seehase- 1923 Negaunee Women's Club "Book of Recipes"  
Lauri Lappi children- Three traps and a trapper's backpack for Collins Log Cabin  
Don Palomaki- Hill's Garage 1944 license plate, military manuals & sewing kit, etc  
Hugo Balzarini family- 1984 DVD of Pioneer Days Parade & fireworks photo on Iron St  
Elizabeth Nuttila Miller- bottles & box from Negaunee Bottling Co., and other misc items

(Note: If your name was omitted from this list, please notify the museum so we can acknowledge your kindness)

**Did you forget to renew your membership this year? You can still renew for this year and also be a member for 2015 for the regular price shown below.**

**(Negaunee Historical Society, P O Box 221, Negaunee, MI 49866-0221)**

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