

# BCHS Newslines

## BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**February 16, 2009–  
Museum Closed**

**March 29, 2009**-Women  
Making History Banquet at  
Henry’s Catering in Foley

**April-19-25th**- Volunteer  
Appreciation Week

**May 13, 2009**– Minnesota  
Historical Society presen-  
tation on “Preserving Fam-  
ily History: Minnesota’s  
Greatest Generation” items  
– Bob Herskovitz at the  
BCHS Museum in Sauk  
Rapids-1:30-3:30pm

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**WOMEN MAKING HISTORY  
NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!**

Benton County Historical Society is looking for nominations of women in the community to honor at our March 29th, 2009 event!

Our annual banquet is done during the National “*Women In History*” month of March. We are inviting the people in the community to participate in our search to find four women who may have made a difference in the Benton County area through their family, volun-  
teering, job, or community involvement.

We are asking the community to nominate women from Benton County for us to honor! Nominations will be accepted until February 17th, 2009. The Board Members will be look-  
ing at all nominations at that Board Meeting to choose the four women who will be this  
years nominees!

Enclose the name of your nominee, along with a short biography, and you can:

**Drop it off:** 218 1st Street North, Sauk Rapids

**Send it by mail:** Benton County Historical Society

PO Box 426, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

**Send it by fax:** 320-253-9614

**Send it by email:**

bchsmus@charterinternet.com



**MINNESOTA HISTORICAL WORKSHOP**

Bob Herskovitz from the Minnesota Historical Society will be at the Museum in Sauk Rapids for a workshop on “Preserving Family History: Minnesota’s Greatest Generation”. The workshop will be-  
gin at 1:30pm on May 13th, 2009 and will be approximately 2 hours long. No cost to participants,  
but please register at 253-9614. The general public is invited so bring a friend or two and take ad-  
vantage of valuable information to preserve your family heirloom’s!

“**Preserving Family History: Minnesota’s Greatest Generation**” will teach participants how to pre-  
serve and care for different types of memorabilia, give tips on how to organize family papers, pho-  
tos, and other family treasures. Participants are encouraged to bring in items that can safely be  
transported for Mr. Herskovitz to answer specific preservation requests. Items that need special  
storage could be wedding dresses, baptismal gowns, photos, certificates, anything that you would  
like to know about.

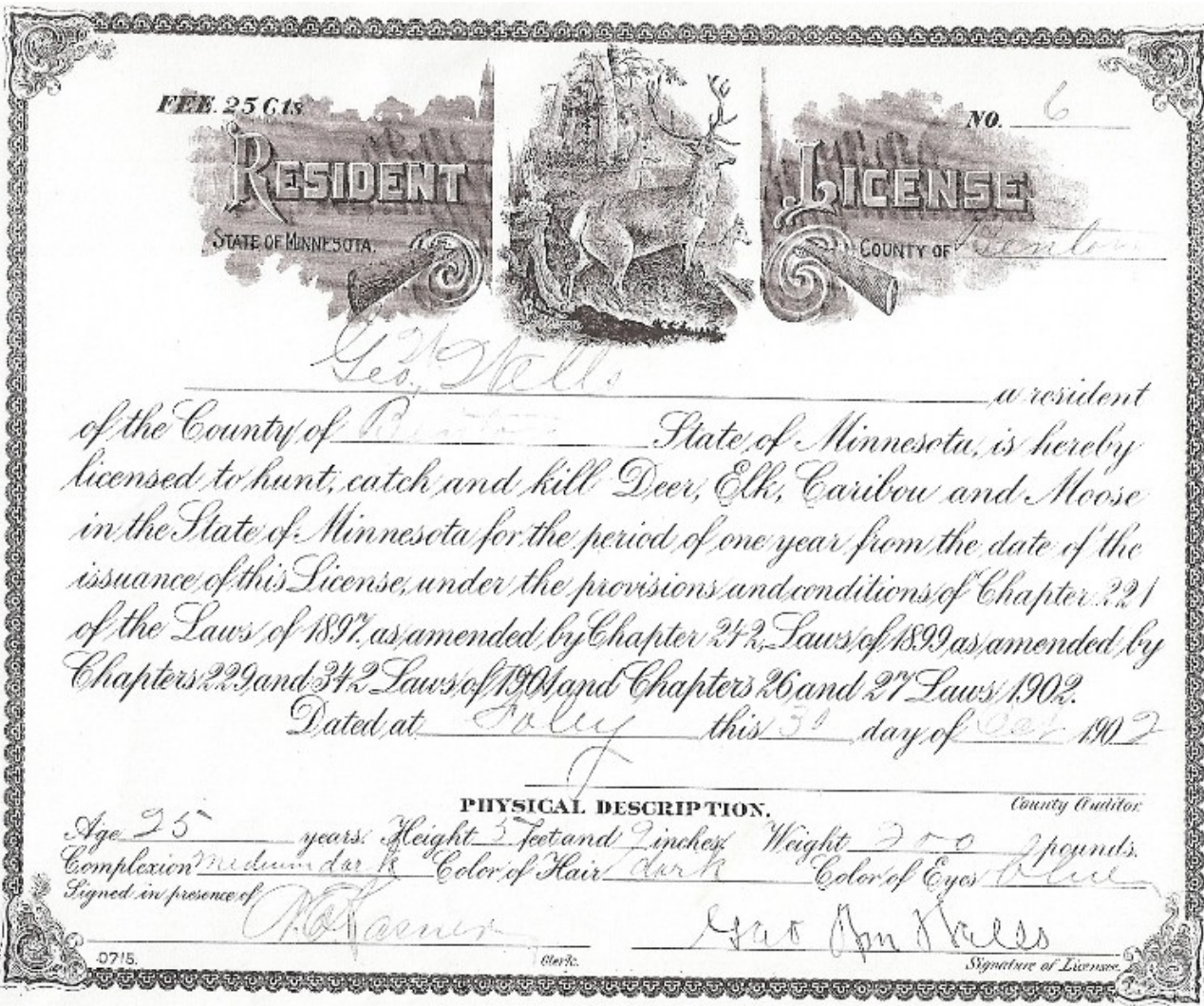
PIECES OF THE PAST

Law is order,  
and good law  
is good order  
Crosstolle

Our volunteer Fred Joesting was working on some surname files and found a copy of the 1902 Resident License for hunting in Benton County! The fee was 25 cents, and that 25 cents gave you a license to hunt, catch and kill Deer, Elk, Caribou, and Moose in the State of Minnesota for a period of one year based on the season. The Game and Fish laws are on the next page for everyone to see the laws of the licensing at that time.

George Welle was the hunter registered with this license dated at Foley on the 13th day of Oct. 1902. The physical description of the hunter was put on the bottom of the license and George was **Age 25, Height: 5 feet and 9 inches Weight: 200 pounds Complexion: Medium dark Color of Hair: Dark Color of Eyes: Blue.**

The certificate was then signed by the Clerk of Benton County: Kasner and Mr. Wells. This was Certificate Number 6 of that year and had the Game and Fish Laws for the State of Minnesota 1897, 1899, 1902 and 1902 Law with it. ( Game Laws on the next page)





# GAME AND FISH LAWS

STATE OF MINNESOTA. 1897, 1899, 1901 and 1902 LAW.

No person shall at any time or in any manner acquire any property in or subject to his dominion or control, any of the birds, animals or fish within this State, of the kinds herein mentioned, but they shall always, and under all circumstances and conditions, be and remain the sole property of this State. By killing, catching or taking the same, however, in the manner and for the purposes herein authorized, and during the periods when their killing is not herein prohibited, the same may be used at the time, in the manner and for the purposes herein expressly authorized, but not otherwise. Sec. 9.

OPEN SEASON:

Turtle Dove, Snipe, Prairie Chicken or Pinnated Grouse, White- } Sept. 1st to Nov. 1st.  
Breasted or Sharp-Tailed Grouse, - - - - - }  
Quail, Partridges or Ruffed Grouse or Pheasants, - - - - - Oct. 1st to Dec. 1st.  
Unlawful to sell Partridges, Quail, Ruffed Grouse, Sharp-Tailed Grouse, Prairie Chicken or Pheasant, or ship  
the same for the purpose of sale at any time, by any common carrier, public or private conveyance, or by any  
commission house or private individual.  
Upland Plover or Woodcock, - - - - - July 4th to Oct. 31st.  
Chinese or English Pheasants not to be killed or had in possession before 1904.  
Wild Duck of any variety, or any variety of Wild Goose or Brant, } Sept. 1st to Jan. 1st.  
or any variety of aquatic fowl whatever, - - - - - }  
Deer, - - - - - Nov. 10th to Nov. 30th.  
Male Moose and Caribou, with Antlers, - - - - - { Between the 15th day of Nov. and  
20th of Nov. in the same year.

License to hunt Deer, Elk, Caribou or Moose must be had in possession.

The killing of more than three Deer and one Moose or Caribou, or the shipping of more than three Deer, one Moose or Caribou in one year by any one person is prohibited. The transportation, without the owner accompanying the same or some one in charge in his place, is also prohibited, by common carrier, public or private conveyance. No deer can be sold or offered for sale at any time.

FISH MAY BE HAD, TO-WIT:

Trout, - - - - - April 15th to September 1st.  
Bass, Black, Gray or Oswego Bass, - - - - - June 1st to March 1st.  
All other kinds of food fish, - - - - - May 1st to March 1st.  
The sale of Black Bass, Oswego Bass and Brook Trout is prohibited at all times before January 1st, 1908.  
Pickerel, Suckers and Red Horse may be speared or caught with hook and in any manner at any time.  
No Fawn to be killed or had in possession any time.

The use of dogs or hounds in hunting deer strictly prohibited.

None of the game birds or animals of the State shall be killed or taken in any manner except by shooting them with a gun held to the shoulder. The use of all other devices or contrivances whatever prohibited—except decoys may be used in hunting geese and ducks.

Fishing allowed only with hook and line—except that nets may be used in certain waters when duly licensed by the warden.

No fishing permitted within 400 feet of any fishway between March 1st and May 15th. Penalty \$5.00 to \$10.00 for each fish taken.

Whitefish, Wall-Eyed Pike, Trout or Bass, except Rock Bass, less than six (6) inches in length, to be returned to the water alive as soon as caught. Penalty for having in possession, \$5.00 to \$10.00 for each fish.

Duties of Common Carriers.—It shall be the duty of every person whenever any bird, animal or fish of any of the kinds, the killing of which is at any or all times herein prohibited, is offered to him for transportation out of or into this State, or had by him for such purpose, or is so shipped by him, to at once notify and give full particulars concerning the same to some member of the Board of Game and Fish Commissioners of this State, or to one of the Game Wardens appointed by them.

Wanton Destruction of Game and Fish Prohibited. No one person shall take or kill to exceed twenty-five (25) birds or more than fifty (50) fish in any one day. Any excess of such number deemed wanton destruction and declared a misdemeanor. Penalty, \$3.00 to \$10.00 for each bird, animal or fish so taken or had under control.

Exportation out of the State of any Birds, Animals or Fish Prohibited. Penalty, \$20.00 to \$50.00 for each bird or fish, and from \$50.00 to \$100.00 for each animal so shipped or allowed or aided in shipping or exported.

Five (5) days allowed to dispose of game animals and ten (10) days to dispose of game birds and five (5) days for fish after close of the open season; thereafter they are subject to seizure and confiscation by any member of the Commission, Game Warden, Sheriff or his Deputy, Constable or Police Officer of this State. Such seizure may be made without a warrant. The officer making such seizure to at once notify the Executive Agent, giving full particulars, and he will make disposition of the property seized.

The killing or trapping of song birds or other harmless birds prohibited.

Arrests may be made without a warrant when parties are caught in violation of this act. Resistance of Wardens or Officers or obstruction by threat or otherwise when in the discharge of their duties punishable by fine of \$100.00 to \$200.00, or by imprisonment. It shall be the duty of all members of the Board of Game and Fish Commissioners, all Game Wardens, Sheriffs and their Deputies, Constables and Police Officers of this State to enforce this law and to arrest all persons violating any of the provisions thereof.

Any attempt to violate any provision of this law shall be deemed a violation thereof. Sec. 45.

DEFINITIONS.—The word "Person" as used in this act shall include all individuals, firms, joint stock companies, corporations and all combinations thereof, and the word "Possession" shall include both actual and constructive possession.

ALL SECTIONS of this act relating to the having in possession or under control of any bird, animal or fish, or to the shipment thereof out of or into this State shall be construed to include any and all parts of the flesh or meat thereof.



MEMBERSHIPS RENEWED FOR 2009

Individual Members

Don Abfalter	Dennis & Marella Larson
Don & Carol Adamson	Tim Larson
Donna Barnickol	Harold & Annette Legatt
Carol Behrendt	Pat Lezer
Shirley Benoit	Dan & Karen Lieser
Robert Bullock	Bud Lubbesmeier
Butch & Carol Bukowski	Ed & Helen Maier
Pat & Dennis Burski	Col John MacGregor
Sharon Cairns	Von Lenergan
Kathleen Chmielewski	JoAnn Marshall
Meredith DePree	Jerome & Glenice Mehrwerth
Alice Engelmeyer	Bob & Vicki Moon
Charlotte Fischer-Notch	Bill & Judy Morgan
Norb Notch	Jim & Geri Moshier
Elaine Fleck	Margaret Neary
Veronica Friehammer	Vernon & Lu Neils
Elaine Fleck	Mary Neiman
Ed & Pat Gerchy	Joan Neyssen
Arthur Grachek	Steve & Mary Ostby
Darlene Gronau	Marilyn Patterson
Nellie Henry	M. Lucille Peschl
Pauline Hoover	Dorrain Petron
Jim & Jan Hovda	Ken & Gail Phillipi
Dick Kampa	Dorothy Piasecki
Mae Kampa	Lorraine Potuzak
Tim & Renee Kampa	Brian & Jennifer Pozorski
Roger Kantor	Chris Rasmussen
Lloyd & Marjean Keehr	Gordon & Dolores Rehder
Gerald Keeville	Bruce & MarySnn Reischl
Melissa & Jeremy Keller	George & Ann Rice
Kevin & Beth Kipka	Tom & Jan Rothanburg
Sandie and Kevin Lahr	Rip & Marion Sartell
Inez Kronenberg	Randy & Donna Schafer
	Lyle Schmidt

Janet Schnabel
Andy & Bob Schwalboski
Leslie Schumacher
Kathleen Schwitalla
Les & Eva Sova
Pat & Dick Soyka
Charles & Janet Stark
Harold Storkamp
Merle Stowe
Mike & Carol Theis
Lawrence & Jane Thell
Gery Then
Simon Thielen
Raymond Thompson
Jack Toliver
Alice Trushenski
Elly Van Diest
Connie Viere
Michelle & Darrell Watercott
Paul Weber
Mike & Betty Winczewski
Ernie & Terri Wollak
Terry & Jean Yager
Merlin Youso
Ron & Julie Zurek

Government/Organizational

Benton County  
City of Foley  
Foley Lions Club  
VFW Post 6992-Sauk Rapids

Businesses

Benton Cooperative Telephone  
Benton County News  
Bruce's Outboard Shop  
Coborns  
First National Bank of Milaca  
Frandsen Bank & Trust  
Midway Iron & Metal Co.  
Rapids Plating  
Then Installation  
Williams Dingmann Funeral Home  
Wollak Construction  
All these businesses members are strong supporters of BCHS and have been members for years. Please remember to support them as they have supported our community!

Members are essential to our success!



CUB FOOD RECEIPTS FUNDRAISING!

Benton County Historical Society is starting a new fundraising effort with the Community Dollars program at the local Cub Foods Stores. We are asking everyone to help us by saving any Cub Food receipts that you may have!

The program works on 3 month quarters, so BCHS can collect cash register receipts from Cub Foods in the St Cloud area from January 1- March 31, 2009 and then turn them in for a percentage of the totals for fundraising. Every little bit counts!

We will be having a basket at the Museum for the receipts or you may mail them to us at: BCHS PO Box 426, Sauk Rapids, MN. 56379



Saving your grocery receipts helps us!

WEBSITE CORRECTION!

Ron Zurek, our great volunteer webmaster let me know that I had added an extra letter to the website in the last newsletter. Thanks to Ron for keeping me on task!

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mnbchsm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mnbchsm)

Hopefully now everyone can easily access the information that is there. We have been trying to post events, pictures, and of course, the research index is there for some of the items we have listed for resources. Look us up and put as a "favorite" and then you can come and visit us via internet for updates!

PS: Thanks again Ron!



VOLUNTEERING 2008!

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers in the year 2008! Meredith has done the totals on the numbers of hours that were put in. The total includes hours working in the Museum, the Benton County Fair (including the schoolhouse and the Heritage building), mailings for newsletters, walking cemeteries and attending meeting and our events.

This years total was 1837

hours of organizational support from our volunteers!

Many thanks to volunteers who were involved in all our activities! In 2008 we had over 63 people on our volunteer lists with five of our volunteers doing 100+ hours!

We will be celebrating our volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Week of April 19th-25th, 2009

VISITORS 2008

**Our visitor totals for the 2008 year were:** 479

Of the 479 total: 403 were local visitors from the County area  
76 were out-of-town  
(including some international visitors)

**Mail/Email requests for 2008:** 168

**Phone Requests for 2008:** 98

**Schoolhouse visitors- Benton County Fair-** 2726

**Heritage Building- Benton County Fair-** 3543

DONATIONS

1965 Remington typewriter-Mervin Marsh  
Sauk Rapids Class of 1947 documents- Duane Kosloske  
Plaziak Boat History- Bruce's Outboard  
Military Papers/Pictures and Uniform- Mary Ann Reischl  
Communion Certificate-Cliff Johnson  
Hermanson & Fohrmann Glendorado plate-Cliff Johnson  
Bettendorf Family Book- Rosalie Schulte  
Albright- Kipka and other family book- Audrey Arneson  
Wedding dress- Marie Gill  
Handknit sweaters and mittens- Evelyn Kirby  
Street car pictures and information- John W. Diers and Aaron Isaacs



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

*What we see is  
mainly what we  
look for.  
—Sir John  
Lubbock*

Benton County Historical Society's Board of Directors meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at the BCHS Museum: 218 1st Street North Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Members and the public are always welcome!

Meeting Dates:  
February 17th, 2009  
March 17th, 2009

Household

Seniors \$9.00  
Single \$13.00  
Family 18.00  
Contributor \$27.00  
Supporter \$50.00

**Museum Hours:**  
M-F 10am-4pm  
By appointment for tours / or after hours- Call 253-9614  
Or email: bchsmus@charterinternet.com

Business

Annual \$50.00  
Supporting \$75.00  
Maintaining \$100.00  
Patron \$150.00  
Benefactor \$500.00

BOARD MEMBERS VOLUNTEERS STAFF

President: Ernie Wollak Vice President: Char Dhein Treasurer: Renee Kampa Secretary: Michelle Watercott Directors: Earl "Butch" Bukowski Bud Lubbesmeier Melissa Keller Bob Moon Ken Schiller	Fred Joesting Marjean Keehr Nellie Hanry Caren Kalenda Andy Schwalboski Jack Toliver Lorane Walsh Jenny Dewenter	Ron Zurek- website <u>Staff</u> Mary Ostby- Executive Director Meredith DePree <b>Museum:</b> 218 1st Street N, Sauk Rapids <b>Email:</b> bchsmus@charterinternet.com <b>Phone:</b> 253-9614
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GENEALOGY NEWS! MOMS  
“ MINNESOTA OFFICIAL MARRIAGE SYSTEM ”

All 87 Minnesota counties have joined a newly created online statewide marriage index. The Minnesota Official Marriage System (MOMS) is available at [www.mncounty.com](http://www.mncounty.com) and should be a wonderful addition to the genealogists world of research materials!

There are times when people doing research are unsure of the date or the county of a relative’s marriage certificate and the location it was originally filed in. MOMs will enable consumers to search records online and order

certificates from the custodial county.

The returned searches will list the bride and the groom’s name, the year of the marriage and the county of that record.

All counties will soon be accessible through the Website. Anyone who is working on family histories will appreciate a one stop source for all the Minnesota counties and the convenience of information from your home!

Check out: [www.mncounty.com](http://www.mncounty.com)



Quicker genealogy from home!

Executive Director’s Notes

*The colder, snowier winter season and the New Year that is upon us has stirred discussion here at the Museum as we sort through photos, newspaper clippings, and documents. “Preserving the past, and the present, for the future” which has been, and still is, our mission statement for BCHS and one that we feel is worthy. Our cause is community information that reflects time, people, events, lifestyles, history and the importance of retaining as much information of all of those things as we can. What valuable treasures of resources we have in our presence! History at our fingertips, and the promise to hand it forward as others did before us; even if it is only for reflection or discussion!*

*Photos of a Sauk Rapids horse drawn school bus look like the perfect adventure and memory; until we step out the front door and decide that -40 is not any easier for the horses OR the cars, no easier on the kids of yesterday, as the schools closed down, just like the schools closed today due to the cold weather!*

*We came across an article in a Sauk Rapids newspaper article that had three merchant’s buildings burned down in downtown- then took a look at the fire department (Foley and Sauk Rapids’) equipment we have here. The equipment today may be better, but the conditions of snow and cold make it just as difficult today as the yesteryear.*

*We have decided as we sort through the various items that the economic status is “similar”, yet “different”, than the “Depression” and “War” newspaper articles and oral interviews of that time state. As we sort through the military items, we are reminded of “Ration stamps”- for sugar, gas and coffee, are ‘different’. Communities being called to take action by serving people, the spirit of pioneer survival adventure, and the good ole United States are “similar” ideas.*

*This time, like all times, is a very good one if we but know what to do with it!*

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

*All in all, we came to terms with the fact that this place is important, preserving the past and the present for the future is important and we will be needing the community support to keep it moving. So, to all who renewed memberships and supported us with donations- Thanks for all you do!*

*Mary Ostby*

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Preserving the Past and the Present, for the Future!

**BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND  
MUSEUM NEW PROMOTION!**



Benton County Historical Society purchased Granite plaques/coasters from Segue Stone with the original 9 counties of the territory (soon to be state of Minnesota) carved into the granite. Some of the members had expressed interest in them as Benton County is 160 years old in 2009. That's A LOT of history!

These nine counties were in existence from 1849-1851 and were much larger in size. Benton was one of the nine originally named counties and you can see from the picture it was with a much larger land area at the time.

They are done on the dark gray granite of the area and approximately 4'x4'x3/8". We have five available at the Museum for anyone who may be interested. We have sold the rest for \$10.00 plus tax, and we can order more if we have more people interested. Stop by the Museum or give us a call at 253-9614. If you are a Benton County enthusiast or just a Benton County history buff, this is a piece for you!