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Please join us and bring a friend, if any of the following interests you.

- Sharing stories of Shakopee's past.
- Listening to stories of Shakopee's past
- Finding the answers to the questions you have.
- Reminiscing and telling stories of your past.
- Meeting new people or making a new friend.

*The Shakopee Heritage Society's
Summer Membership
Meeting
And Pot Luck Dinner
Will be Held at
Northridge Court
In the community room
July 14th, 6:00 PM*

Don't miss out, be there.

See more information in Editors notes

Canty's Hill

By Eileen Schmitz

How many of you know where Canty's Hill is? Or for that matter who or what is Canty. Well, if you are interested, read on. I first heard of "Canty's Hill" from my husband, Richard who pointed out the hill that was Canty's namesake.

Timothy Canty was one of the first adventurous frontiersmen. Some 1851 as an employee of Thomas A. Anyway as a veteran of the Mexican war he was granted land. He selected a claim of 80 acres in Louisville Township, four and a half miles south of Shakopee. It has been reported that he knew General Tecumseh Sherman who he served under during the Mexican War.



settlers of the Shakopee area, an reports saying he came to Shakopee in Holmes but this isn't a proven fact. He selected Township, four and a half miles south he knew General Tecumseh Sherman Mexican War.

Now where is this Canty's Hill? Leaving Shakopee go south on the Marystown Road (County Road 15). After approximately 4 miles on the west side of the road you'll see the beginnings of a rolling landscape. At the present time it is covered with a luxurious coating of the most beautiful green alfalfa, reminiscence of the foothills of a mountain range. This is Canty's Hill, the site of Canty's homestead. I believe the building and approach to the homestead was from the Marystown Road. If you continue going south you will come to the crossroads of County Rd. 14, which goes west and east. Continue on south and you'll come to the hamlet of Marystown. Every time I approach this area I picture Tim and his wife eking out a living on this frontier land. What was life like for the two then? The hardships, the good times; One can only speculate. They had two sons, one dying in his childhood and the other son named John lived with his parents until their deaths.

Timothy Canty was born in Lower Canada. At an early age he came to the USA. He served all through the Mexican War (1846-1848). He married Margaret O'Keefe, a County Waterford lass from Ireland, in St. Paul MN. Soon after their marriage they came to the Shakopee area and farmed their land till their deaths. Tim died around 1884 and Margaret in 1900.

If anyone has more to add to the story of Timothy Canty I'd be interested to learn more of this man who helped settle part of Scott County.

Shakopee Tribune June 1900

Shakopee Argus Tribune April 1926

Notes from the Editor. Don Wagner

Make plans now so you can attend the Pot Luck Dinner and Membership Meeting at Northridge Court on July 14th at 6:00PM in the community room. Bring a beverage of your choice and a dish to share. You choose what to bring. There will be door prizes and other fun so plan to come. We will also get you there if you do not have a ride; let us know ahead of time so we make proper arrangements. There will be a postcard sent to each member reminding you of the event, and giving the information on how to get a ride if needed. I guess I did not say we would get you back home again once we got you there. We certainly will do that. That ride is both ways. Have fun

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Canty's Hill settlement home



The trip to Guardian Angels



A planned September Field Trip, September 2010

SHS is planning a field trip to the Gideon and Agnes Pond House and farm located on the Minnesota River bluff in Bloomington, MN on Saturday September 11, 2010. The brick house was built in 1856.

More information will come to members through a postcard mailed out before the event.



Guest Speaker in April was Lorain Ries of Shakopee



Bette Robinette Show and Tell in April.



July's Meet our Members Don and Marcia Wagner

MEET OUR MEMBERS:

By Eileen Schmitz

This month we meet Marcia and Donald Wagner who have been a couple for over fifty years and have lived in Shakopee, MN for most of those 50 years.

Their interest in older homes, especially in Shakopee led them to the Shakopee Heritage Society and they have been members from its inception.

Don was born May 29, 1940 in New Prague, MN. Scott County. When Don was a few weeks old the family moved to Hampshire, Illinois coming back to Minnesota and settling in Shakopee in 1951. His father George Wagner worked for the Singer Sewing Machine Company. His mother was related to Mrs. Jacob Ries, the Rock Spring Bottling Pop factory family.

His family lived on Bluff Street next door to the Schroeder sisters, Amelia and Anna. Their father was the owner of the Schroeder Brick Yard. Don attended St. Mary's grade school and Shakopee High School. I believe both houses are still standing there on Bluff Street.

Marcia was born in Glencoe, MN, and has the distinction of being the first baby born in the new Glencoe hospital. During the war years the family lived in California moving back to Eden Prairie, MN after the war. Their home was off of the Spring Road (Hennepin County #4) in Hennepin County. Her father was a contractor. Marcia attended schools in Eden Prairie.

Marcia and Don met at the Hauer's Drive Inn which was located off of First Street on the East end of Shakopee, a popular eating spot for the residents of Shakopee back in the 50's and 60's. The drive inn was known for its hamburgers and onion rings, best there was to have in Shakopee. The drive inn was owned and operated by Bill and Nellie Hauer.

A Mexican Restaurant is located on the site now. Before that it was the site of The Happy Chef restaurant plus other restaurants that we all have frequented in the past.

Don and Marcia married in 1959 in St. Paul, MN. They purchased their home on First Ave. in 1966. It is the former home of Mr. Schroeder, owner of Schroeder's Brick Yard. If walls could talk we'd learn a great deal about the brick yard operation and life back then. Their home is filled with antiques and all kinds of good things that make for interesting conversation. Both Don and Marcia were collectors even before their Marriage. Over the years Don has held the position of SHS president, vice president and director. Marcia has held the position as director and has chaired various committees. Both Don and Marcia spent three years researching and copying and typing the information for the Diary of Daniel Storer. Don also made the Shakopee historical video that has been running on local cable for the last few years.

We are thankful for all the time and dedication they have put into the society and we value them as members who keep the Shakopee past alive.



Can you identify this building in Shakopee?? We will ask at the Pot Luck meeting.



<<<<<<picture to the left.

We won't ask you about this one as you likely did not walk past this one on your way anywhere. This Picture was taken circa 1875.

Sitting on the northeast corner of First Avenue and Holmes Street it was the store of V. Zoller, M. Schwartz and Reis and Baumhager Hardware Store.

Donated by Loraine Ries.

Thank you Loraine.

Notes from the Editor.

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Pat Ploumen is beginning the meetings for the next Home, Sight, tour for next year. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the next tour, please let Pat know. Also Pat is in need of help on the committee which meets once a month, approximately, to plan and schedule the whole event. To get more

information on how you can help or to pass on an idea, contact Pat Ploumen, 807 7th Ave E. Shakopee MN 55379. Phone 952-445-2002.

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Remember to check if you, or a friend, or relative, has any photographs of Shakopee, its houses, people, business's, neighborhoods, parties, ball games, neighborhood sandlot ball games, disasters, floods, fires etc. We can copy them and return the original back to you. We can also accept them as a donation to the society and see that they get proper storage. In both cases though we need a statement saying we have the rights to use the photographs. All the new copyright laws make it necessary to have that more than ever. We have photos from some of you but no letter of approval. We will be getting back to you with a letter to sign giving us permission to use the photographs we already have also.

Thank you for all the photographs we already have received

See you at the Pot Luck.

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