



# NEWSLETTER

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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*

***Annual Membership  
Meeting  
Will be held January 15<sup>th</sup>  
At the Shakopee Library  
Downstairs Meeting  
Room at 1:00 PM.***

**We will be electing several officers  
and Board Members**

**at this meeting.**

**Do you wish to serve in some  
Capacity?**

**Nominations will be accepted at the  
meeting.**

See more on elections in editor’s comments

## Editor's notes

By Don Wagner

*It is time for us to elect officers and directors again; we have seen a lot of the same faces for a number of years now, and would like to see some new ones every so often. If you would like to serve in any capacity (on the board) let us know by mentioning it at the meeting. We will get you on the ballot the same day, in time for the balloting that day. Meanwhile, The board has selected former members to run again and they have agree to serve if no one else is willing. That list will include; Jay Whiting President, Lois Wendt Vice President, Pat Ploumen Treasurer, Eileen Schmitz Secretary, Don Wagner Board member and Editor Newsletter.*

*For those who did not notice, the editor does not write a lot of the stories and articles that appear in the newsletter. A good deal of that is done by Eileen Schmitz.*

### **Thanks Eileen.**

*The Membership fees are due again in January. Fees have not changed. Single membership is \$10; a Family membership is \$15; Supporting is \$25. Corporate memberships are; Gold club sponsor \$500; Silver club sponsor is \$100; Club sponsor is \$50.*

*See Pat Ploumen at the meeting to get dues paid up on that day, or mail dues to;  
Shakopee Heritage Society  
519 East First Avenue  
Shakopee MN 55379.*

*Don't forget that we have a Website [WWW.shakopeheritage.org](http://WWW.shakopeheritage.org). If you do not have a computer, but you go to the library once in a while, you can get on a computer there and check out the site. If you are not familiar with computers ask a librarian for help.*

*(See More Editors notes on page 6)*

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## **150 years ago; From Daniel Storer's Diary**

By Don Wagner

**January 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1861.** Cold. Went over to Mr. Staring's the PM of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Worked at Staring's. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. Cold. Worked partitioning etc. in the new part. Went home the 5<sup>th</sup>.

6<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Cold and stormed some as lines of sleet.

7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>. Cool. Sawed up a lot of firewood etc. Went to lodge the 8<sup>th</sup> and was again installed as treasurer again for the next time. Went back to Staring's the 8<sup>th</sup>. Nathan with me. They are catching fish in the lake below Mr. Terrill's by the sleigh load.

9<sup>th</sup>. Came home in the afternoon to go to a party at T. A. Holmes's. Good time.

10<sup>th</sup>. Cold. Went back to Staring's at night.

11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>. Cold. We laid a floor in the old kitchen and finished up the rest of the work ready for the plasterer, and came home with our tools the eve of the 12<sup>th</sup>.

13<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Warm and snowed a little.

14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. Cool. Worked in the shop on a secretary for myself. Went to Higley's dancing school the night of the 17<sup>th</sup>. Was out to A. G. Apgar's to a dinner party the night of the 18<sup>th</sup>.

19<sup>th</sup>. Went to a dinner party at Mr. Lincoln's today. There are 8 or 9 inches of snow now.

*(Daniel Storer continued on bottom of page 4)*

*Our Speaker from the October meeting*

*Jeff Williamson, President of the  
Pond Dakota Heritage Society.*

*Jeff gave us a much better  
understanding of the Pond family and  
a great deal of information on a  
number of books for further research  
on the subject.*

*I have heard good reviews on the  
books that have been looked into so  
far.*

**Thanks Jeff**



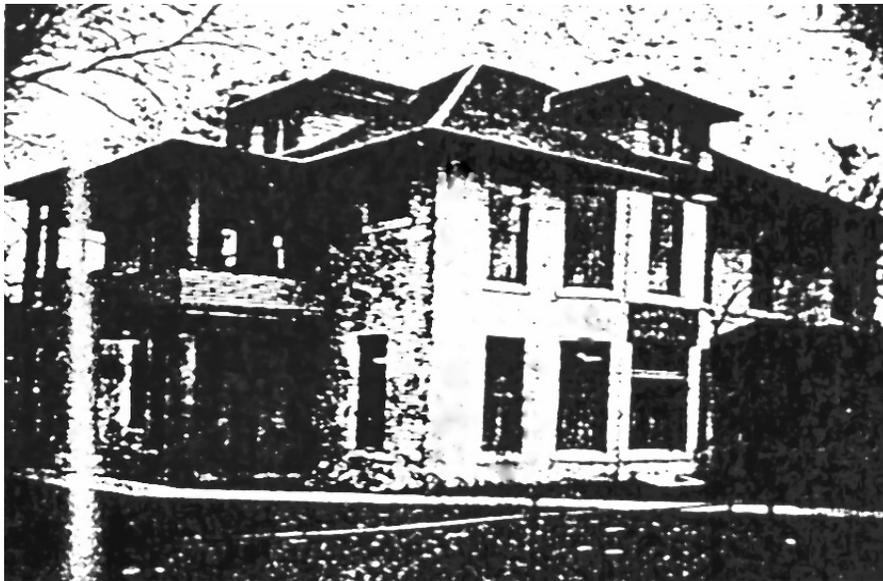
This Month's Meet Our Members article is about **Winnie Anderson**

Do you recognize this photo? We will ask at the meeting if any one knows where this photo was taken and what the large item is that people are surrounding.

No it is not a pop bottle or any part of the Ries Bottling works.

A pretty good hint would be that one or more of the people are wearing a nurse's uniform.

Now what do you think?



This second photo is not a very good picture but take a guess anyway. What is this building? It has nurses also and by a family relationship is connected to the first photo, but is not at the same location. I hope that that is not more confusing than helpful.

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*(Daniel Storer Continued)*

20<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Cold. Went to the Episcopal Church today, the first time for several years. I am so deaf that it is of no use for me to go at all.

21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cold. Nathan's folks went to Jordan the 21<sup>st</sup>. Went to a surprise party at Holmes's the eve of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. A pretty good time.

23<sup>rd</sup>. Cold and snowed all day. As much as ten inches fell.

24<sup>th</sup>. Cold. Nathan's folks got home. Elmeda Spaulding came with them. Went to dancing school in the eve. A pretty good time.

25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. Worked in the shop. Got my secretary done the 26<sup>th</sup>.

27<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Warmer. A. G. Apgar's folks were here today.

28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>. Cool. We had a dinner party the 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Hare,

Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. Graper and Mrs.

Ruby, besides our own folks were here. After our company was gone I went over to Hare's place to a party.

30<sup>th</sup>. Cold. Went to a dance at Hennepin. Not much of a time.

31<sup>st</sup>. The mercury was 16 below zero this morning.

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## Meet our members

By Eileen Schmitz

**Winnie Hill Anderson** is a life long resident of Shakopee. She was born in October of 1933 in a house on First Avenue. The house is still there although it has been empty for some years. Her parents Rosalia Philipp who was born in Shakopee and Raymond Hill who was from Eden Prairie married in 1924 and made their home in Shakopee after their marriage.

Her father Ray Hill was the manager of the Millpond Club east of Shakopee.

Winnie is the youngest of three children, her brother Bob is deceased, her brother Philip Hill resides in Shakopee.

Winnie attended Saint Mark's parochial school and Shakopee high school graduating from high school in 1951, one of three "A" Honor Roll Students. After high school graduation she found employment at the First National Bank in Shakopee where she worked until her marriage to Charles Anderson in 1964. She and Charles have four children. Charles worked at the glass plant east of Shakopee until his retirement. Winnie's maternal line has several well known citizens of Shakopee going back to frontier days of Shakopee.

Her great grandfather Henry Philipp emigrated from Germany and came to Shakopee in 1857. He worked as a carpenter and in 1866 established a retail and manufacture furniture business. His sons, Peter V. and Anton H. were in the business with him known as Henry Philipp and Sons. In later years the business was known as Philipp Furniture and Funeral Service. Four generations of the Philipp family were involved in this business. The business was first located on the NW corner of Holmes Street and First Avenue. In later years the business was located on the SW corner of Fourth Avenue and Fuller Street.

Peter V. Philipp married Mary Ries of the Jacob Ries family. They had five children, four girls, Pauline, Josephine, Laura and Rose Philipp Gaertner and one son, Henry. In 1895 Peter became a traveling salesman for the Jacob Ries Bottling Works achieving the vice president's office until his retirement in 1920 due to ill health. Peter's son Henry also was employed by the Ries Bottling Works. Two of the girls were teachers, Josephine also taught piano. Most of the residents of Shakopee would remember and be very familiar with this family. They resided in a beautiful brick house on the SE corner of First Ave. and Scott Street. Winnie's brother, Philip Hill resides in the house now.

Anton H. Philipp married Anna Reis of Bellville IL. They had two children, Rosalia Philipp who is Winnie's mother and George Philipp. In 1922 Anton H. Philipp and Anna Reis's son George Philipp, joined his father in the furniture and funeral business. George's son Thomas Philipp later joined his father in the business making four generations in the business.

Winnie's great grandfather Michael Reis came with his parents, brothers and sisters to America in the late 1840's. The Reis family emigrated from Germany going first to St. Louis, Missouri where they established a lumber business. In 1857 they relocated to Shakopee, MN. Then in 1886 some members of the Reis family left Shakopee for Bellville IL. There the family was engaged in the lumber business,

hardware business, banking, pharmacy business and in politics. Several Reis brothers and sisters stayed on in the Shakopee area. John Reis of Shakopee, Winnie's great uncle, started the Shakopee Flour Mill, opened a lime business, was a captain of a MN River steam boat in the late 1850's and later around 1886 purchased and ran a harness store in Shakopee until his retirement. George Reis, another of Winnie's great uncles began the tinner's trade in Shakopee in the year 1863. Later in 1870 he purchased a hardware store that he ran until his retirement. As with the Peter V. Philipp's family the Anton H. Philipp's family would be well known to the older population of Shakopee.

Winnie isn't sure when she joined the Shakopee Heritage Society but it was probably soon after it's beginning. We all value Winnie's knowledge of Shakopee and it's past and thank her for her time and talent that she has gracefully given and shared with us.

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*(More editors' notes continued from page 2)*

Remember to bring a friend or neighbor to the membership meeting. In an effort to increase membership if he/she signs up as a member at the meeting he/she could get their membership for next year paid. That is the new member pays nothing for the first year.

The December **Loaves and fishes** program in Shakopee was sponsored by the **Shakopee Heritage Society** and was the best attended since its inception here in Shakopee. There were 111 people that attended the free meal and spent some time talking, and enjoying themselves. (that also Including one Santa Claus.)

*Wishing everyone a belated Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, from all the Board Members.*

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