



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's
Summer Pot luck
Membership Meeting
Will be held July 10th
6:00 PM***

***At the Home of Jay
and Melissa Whiting*
*Rain or Shine. Air
conditioning available***

Editors Notes

By Don Wagner

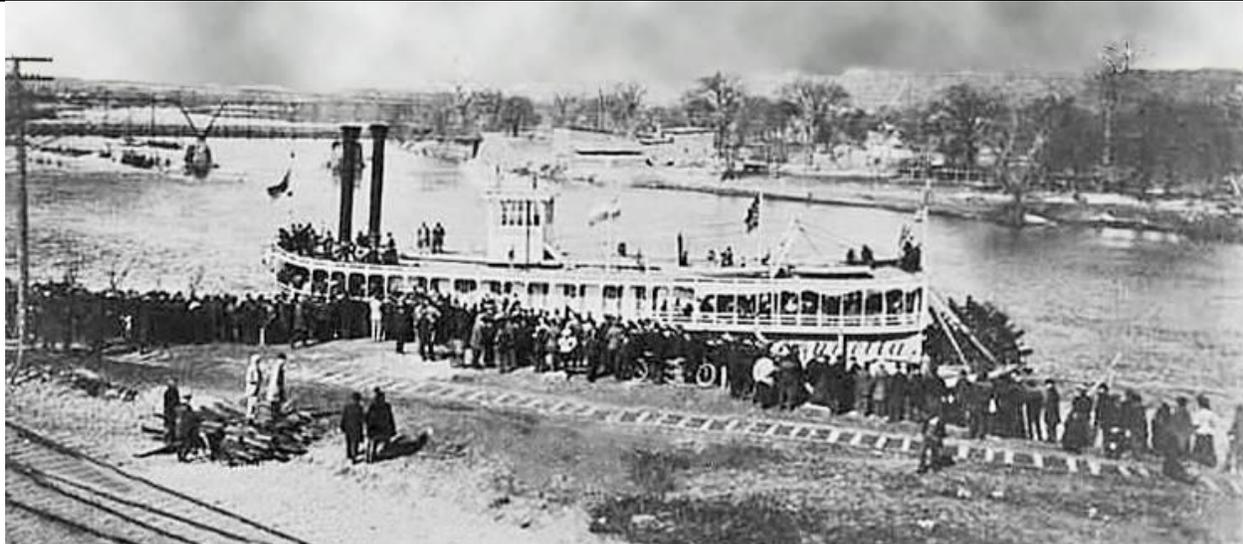
1. *Welcome to the summer season. It seems as though I just got done making excuses for spring being late and abnormal this year. Summer comes just the same and here it is.*
2. *The SHS field trip on Saturday June 8 was cancelled and two possible new dates are set up. September 7, 2013 or October 26, 2013. Both are on Saturdays. Starting with a tour of the old H. B. Straight home at 314 Scott Street South, from Greg and Dixie Duffy, the current owners of the home. Then after the tour of the house the group will go to Wampach's for lunch. There will be more information available at the meeting or we will advise later by mail or phone.*
3. *The Minneapolis Central Library would like to add our newsletter to their Minnesota History Collection. They said "We believe your organization offers excellent resources for local history and genealogical researchers, and we would like to make your newsletter available here at the Central library. We frequently refer attendees to local historical organizations to help them further their research." The board has voted to add them to our mailing list for the Newsletter.*
4. *Derby Days. We will have our traditional booth set up on Friday August 2, 2013 and Saturday August 3, 2013. We can use a few volunteers to help with the booth.*
5. *The Topic for discussion at our July meeting will be "Epic Fires of Shakopee, MN."*
6. *We will have the Annual Picnic Pot luck meeting at Jay and Melissa Whiting's again this year. They will have air conditioned space available but if the weather allows we probably can get a look at Melissa's gardens and yard too. Thanks to the Whiting's again for their Hospitality.*



Mr. H. H. Strunk is second from the left in this picture. The Drug Store was opened in 1871



October 15, 1916 The Good Fellow's Club meets at Kopps Park in Shakopee. Does anyone know where Kopps Park was located?



The Riverboat Henrietta docked at Mankato MN 1914. If it went to Mankato then it had to pass Shakopee twice as it went there and as it came back to Saint Paul. It most likely docked here for passengers and for any freight while going each direction. On another note regarding Riverboats; very few people are aware that Abraham Lincoln was a riverboat captain for a short time. He never ran on the Minnesota River just on the Mississippi and some of its tributaries.

We have not made mention of Daniel Storer's Diary lately so here is an offering from July, 1863, 150 years ago this month. The War Between the States was on every one's mind. Daniel brings home some of the local horrors of the civil war for this area in just that one month.

July 1st. Worked at Markus's. Was installed treasurer of the lodge in the eve.

2nd to 4th. Warm and rained some the 4th. Went to Jordan the 4th to celebrate. They had quite a time. Two companies of militia were out. The Jordan company, Capt. Driscoll, and the

Spring Lake Company, Capt. Fix.¹ Besides the military band they had a brass band, from LeSueur. Mr. Stogdill of Shakopee was the Orator of the day. They had a pie and dinner etc. Came home at night.

5th 6th. Warm and rained like fury the eve of the 6th. Worked at Markus's.

7th. Sunday. Warm and pleasant.

8th to 10th. Warm. Took down and moved my house on the hill to Mrs. Moore's lot and am putting it up now. 12 x 20 for the front of her house.

11th to 13th. Warm. Worked at Mrs. Moore's. Mr. Morrison helped me. News came the eve of the 13th that Gen. McClellan has had a fight with the rebels at Laurel Hill West Virginia, and took the whole rebel force prisoners. McClellan's loss was small.

14th. Sunday. Warm and pleasant. Went to church.

15th to 20th. Warm. Worked at Markus's putting down floors etc. The house he has built is small but is very costly shape. Many openings.

21st. Sunday. Hot as fire almost.

22nd and 23rd. Warm. Worked at Markus's. There has been a terrible battle fought at Bull Run, Virginia last Sunday between the federal troops under Gen. McDowell, and the rebels under Gen. Beauregard. The federal's sustained a terrible defeat. A perfect panic seized the army and they ran badly. This is a most terrible check to the Union cause.

24th to 27th. Warm and rained a little the 26th. Worked at Markus's. Wilder's folks were here the eve of the 27th. Our First regiment was in the late battle and suffered the most of any in the field on killed and wounded, being 272. Our boys that time did not get to Fort Abercrombie before word overtook them to go to Washington D. C. W. H. H. Dooley was wounded and taken prisoner. H. H. Williams was taken prisoner.² George McMullen was supposed to have been killed.³ David Schooley was so badly wounded that his leg had to be amputated⁴ Nate McMullen,⁵ G. N. DuBois⁶, and G. F. Marble⁷ were not in the battle.

28th. Sunday. Warm and cloudy.

29th to 31st. Worked at the court house the 29th and in the shop the other two days. Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Apgar were here visiting the 31st. The mercury was up to 104 in the shade the 31st. R. M. Wright is now in the second regiment M. V. stationed at Fort Ripley in this state. He is third sergeant in a company.

The notes below are information gathered to augment Daniels Diary entries. For the short period covered, the terrible effects of war for just Shakopee and the surrounding area are stunning.

¹ Capt. D. C. Fix, of Spring Lake, was the first representative to the Scott County Board of Supervisors from Spring Lake.

² Henry H. Williams, private in Co. C, was wounded at Bull Run and taken prisoner.

³ George McMullen was mortally wounded. He was left on the field and his body was not recovered until after the battle. It's not known whether he died instantly or from exposure to being left unattended on the field.

⁴ David Schooley, from Sand Creek was 35 years old when he enlisted. He was reported killed in some records and wounded in another. Evidently by Daniel's note he did survive his wound and lost his leg.

⁵ George McMullen's younger brother Nathan McMullen was 17 but claimed to be 19 when he enlisted. The Battle of Bull Run where his older brother George died was 3 months later. He survived the war and returned to Shakopee.

⁶ Garret DuBois, a sign painter from Shakopee, was not wounded during the war.

⁷ George Marble was a hospital Steward, a musician and drummer in Co. C. He survived the war.



Above is a photograph from the turn of the century. A group of Shakopee youth is playing amongst the wagon tracks and stop for a picture. Located just across the old Swing Bridge at Lewis Street this road was called Lovers Lane at that time.

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