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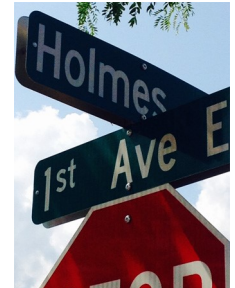
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Streets of Shakopee

Vierling Drive, Sommerville Street, Fuller Street, Marschall Road, Otherday Circle, Hazen Street. Did you always want to find out information about some of the streets in Shakopee?

David R. Schleper will talk about some of the streets in Shakopee, and stories about the people from long ago following the spring membership meeting on Saturday, April 22 at 1 p.m. at the Shakopee Public Library.

Join us for this interesting presentation and bring a friend!



The House of Moses Starr Titus and Jane Lamont Titus in East Shakopee 1853

By David R. Schleper

Jane Lamont, at age 21, married Moses Starr Titus on March 14, 1850. Moses had been living with Samuel and Cordelia Eggleston Pond for a few years, and was a nephew of Samuel. According to Stephen R. Riggs, "Jane Lamont became the wife of Mr. Starr Titus, and is now a Christian mother guiding her household in the way of life, an influential member of the Presbyterian church in Shakopee." By the fall of 1851, Moses came to the residence of his uncle, Reverend Samuel W. Pond, and spent the winter here in Prairieville.

In the fall of 1852, Moses and Jane, along with their first child, Seymour Starr Titus, built a house, the eighth cabin "build by a white person." Of course, Jane was not white, but I am guessing they were talking about Moses. The building was framed late in the fall of 1852, and was finished in 1853. It stood on lot 9 of block 24. In 1860 the house was moved two blocks west and a little north.

A few years later, they built the large residence not too far from the Ponds' residence, which they lived in until they both died. A picture of the house was painted in 1868, and the painting was at The Landing until it moved to the Scott County Historical Museum. The small oil painting of the Moses Starr Titus and Jane Lamont Titus residence shows an image of a one and a half story, white frame house with three brick chimneys. A second building, possibly a barn, is also visible in the painting. Several walk ways lead up to the house and trees and wild flowers are seen in the foreground.

Moses and Jane had four children, three sons and a daughter: Seymour Starr Titus (1851), Henry Harlan Titus (1854), Moses Starr Titus (1858), and Jane Marilla Titus (1866). Seymour and Moses were bankers in North Dakota, and Henry was a farmer in Tracy, Minnesota. Jane Marilla Titus died on Friday, April 24, 1891 at age 25 of bilious fever.



Titus House. Photo courtesy Scott County Historical Society.



The Moses Starr and Jane Lamont Titus family. Children, from left to right, are Seymour Starr, Moses Starr, and Henry Harlan Titus. Missing is Jane Marilla Titus. Photo provided by Lisa Ferguson.



David Schleper's presentation on It Happened Here: 1848 was enjoyed by the membership at our last meeting.

Spring Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 22, 2017, 1 p.m.

Shakopee Public Library
 235 Lewis St. S.

Bring a friend!

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Editors' Notes

- Welcome to our newest members, Paul Maravelas and Judy Theis!
- Don't forget that the spring membership meeting will be Saturday, April 22 at 1 p.m., at the Shakopee Public Library (235 Lewis St. S.). Following the membership meeting, David Schleper will present on the streets of Shakopee. See page 1 for more information, and bring a friend with you!
- Remember that 2017 membership dues are now due. Dues are: Individual, \$10; Family, \$15; Supporting: \$25; Silver Club: \$100; Gold Club: \$500. Checks should be made payable to Shakopee Heritage Society and mailed to Pat Ploumen, Treasurer, 805 7th Ave. E., Shakopee, MN 55379. Those attending the April 22 meeting can pay Pat there, if preferred. Please submit dues as soon as possible, and no later than April 22. This will be the last newsletter for those not current on dues. Any questions about dues may be directed to Pat at 952-445-2002.
- As a reminder, the SHS mailing address has officially changed to 2109 Boulder Pointe, Shakopee, MN 55379. It had been Don Wagner's address on First Avenue for many years. Please direct any postal mail to the Boulder Pointe address.
- At our last meeting, Lois Wendt was elected president, Melissa Whiting was elected secretary, Don McNeil was elected to fill the two-year board seat, and Wes Reinke was elected to fill the one-year board seat.
- If you missed the last membership meeting, the video of David Schleper's presentation on It Happened Here: 1848 has been posted on the website at shakopeeheritage.org/videos/. Thanks to David for presenting on this topic!
- We are looking at boosting our membership numbers. If you have any suggestions on ways to do so, please speak with a board member or email us at info@shakopeeheritage.org.
- To receive future issues of the Shakopee Heritage Society newsletter in color via email, instead of receiving a black and white paper copy, please send your name and email address to info@shakopeeheritage.org.
- For those of you on Facebook, be sure to check out the If you grew up in Shakopee, Minnesota....then you remember... Facebook group. Lots of recent and way-back Shakopee history is posted here.
- If there's anything in particular you'd like to see included in future newsletters, please let a board member know or send an email to info@shakopeeheritage.org. We would love to hear from you!

Remembering our members

Mona M. Roach Strunk

Mona M. Roach Strunk of Shakopee, longtime member of the Shakopee Heritage Society, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016 due to cancer at St. Gertrude's Health Center in Shakopee.

Mona was born on Aug. 16, 1935 in Prior Lake, the daughter of Simon and Mary (Regan) Roach. Mona married John Strunk on June 16, 1956 in Prior Lake. She was a retired employee of Wells Fargo Bank, where she was employed as a teller.

Mona loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She helped found the Scott County Day Activity Center, which is now called New Options. Mona enjoyed going to daily Mass and visiting with her friends.

Mona is preceded in death by her husband, John; son, Mike; son-in-law, Robert Best; parents, Simon and Mary Roach; brother, Archbishop John Roach; sister, Virginia Leach.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary Nell Best, Kate (Terry) Furst, Beth Strunk; son, Bill Strunk; daughter-in-law, Shannon McDermott Strunk; 11 grandchildren, Meghan and John "Jack" Best and his fiancée, Melissa, John and Emily Furst, Hilary (R.J.) Cassel, Chelsea (Michael) Johansen, Zach (Michaela) Strunk, Jake, Sam and Owen Strunk, Toni Karger; 6 great-grandchildren, Logan, Dawson, Chase, Ava, Maddie and Gage.



Mona M. Roach Strunk

Moses and Jane were involved in the founding of the Presbyterian Church, and they took an active role. Jane was remembered as a woman of kindness and mercy. As a wife and mother, she was true and tender, and as a mother she exerted all a mother's love and watchful care.

Moses died on Sept. 22, 1878. Jane Lamont Titus died on March 26, 1899. According to Daniel M. Storer in his diary on March 27, 1899, "The mercury was down to zero this morning. Mrs. Titus died at Grand Forks and was brought here to bury. Rev. Mr. Hihbergher preached the sermon." They were both buried at the Valley Cemetery in Shakopee.

(Some information from Riggs, Stephen R. (1869). Tah-Koo Wah-kañ; or The Gospel Among the Dakotas. Boston, MA: Congressional Sabbath-School and Publishing Society. Storer, Daniel M. (2003). The Diary of Daniel M. Storer from 1849 to 1905: A Pioneer Builder and Merchant, His Personal History of Shakopee, Minnesota from August 1853 to January 1905. Shakopee, MN: Shakopee Heritage Society, Jan. 7, 1854. Hinds, William (1891). A 1891 Sketch of Shakopee, Minnesota: Historical and Industrial. Reprinted by the Scott County Historical Society, 1996. Painting of the Residence of Moses Starr Titus and Jane Lamont Titus in Shakopee in 1868, #2001.047.0007. Shakopee, MN: Scott County Historical Society at the Stans Museum. Grand Forks Herald, Friday, April 6, 1923; Caudle, Barbara (2008). "Pond, French (family 6.2), Southwick, Hackett and Lamport," database made available online courtesy of Barbara Caudle, <http://wc.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=REG&db=barca&id=11022>, database put online 24 Feb. 2008. Scott County Argus, March 30, 1899. Scott County Argus, April 25, 1891. Shakopee Tribune, March 31, 1899.)

Jane Lamont Titus (Jan. 11, 1827-March 26, 1899)

Compiled by David R. Schleper

Jane Lamont was born on Jan. 11, 1827 at Bde Maka Ska in what later became south Minneapolis, the daughter of Daniel Lamont, a trader from Scotland who traded up and down the Watpá Mníota, also known as the Rivière Saint-Pierre, since the 1820s, and Hanyetukihnayewn (Hush the Night), a Mdewankanton Dakota. Daniel's father, and Jane's grandparents, were Colin Lamont, Sr. and Jane Smith of Scotland. Jane's grandparents on her mother's side were Mahpiyawicasta and Canpadutawin. Mahpiyawicasta was also known as Cloudman, and Canpadutawin was known as Red Cherry Woman.

By 1840, Jane's mother, Hanyetukihnayewn (Hush the Night) was a widow. Daniel Lamont died between 1836 and 1837. In the spring of 1840, Samuel Pond was planning to abandon the Lake Harriet mission. Hanyetukihnayewn had known the Ponds while living in their father's village called Heyate Otunwe, or the village at the side. It was near a marshy area, later called Lake Calhoun, and now known as Bde Maka Ska.

Gideon and Samuel Pond believed that the ability to speak the language accurately was essential if their message was to be received. As they learned, they devised an alphabet suitable for recording the sounds of the Dakota, and they taught this to their neighbors, thus bringing them the ability to read and write in their own language. They also began to compile a Dakota dictionary, to which later missionaries also contributed.

Hanyetukihnayewn asked Samuel to take Jane and raise her with the Pond family. This fluidity of family comes from Indian tradition. "This had always been a part of active life, this ability to hand over a child to a sister, or to someone else, to raise for a while if you're having trouble," said author Louise Erdrich.

As a result of warfare between the Ojibway and Dakota tribes in 1839, Mahpiyawicasta and the people of the village of Heyate Otunwe relocated to a bluff near Oak Grove in Bloomington, and a mission was established in 1843. Jane was about 13 years old. She spoke the Dakota language. She did not speak English. But Hanyetukihnayewn felt it was best for her to be with the Ponds. At the same time, the mother and daughter were never far apart, as Hushes the Night and a large contingent of Cloud Man's band lived nearby (except when they were away gathering food or hunting.)

Jane lived in the homes of Samuel and Gideon Pond at Oak Grove and Shakopee for 13 years. Family letters and Gideon's diary refer frequently to Jane's activities, health, character, and piety. It was clear that both families felt that Jane was affectionate and in high esteem. Cordelia Eggleston Pond, wife of Samuel, wrote to a friend in 1847:

We have a teacher for our Indian school this winter of our own training. She does very well, I believe. She came to live with us about 7 years ago and has lived either in our family of Brother's most of the time since. We think she gives good



Jane Lamont Titus, circa 1860. Photo provided by Lisa Ferguson.

evidence of piety. (She) was received into the church last summer.

The missionary's family took care of the little one, and she grew up to womanhood surrounded by the best influences.

Moses Starr and Jane Lamont Titus were involved in the founding of the Presbyterian Church, and they took an active role. Jane was remembered as a woman of kindness and mercy. As a wife and mother, she was true and tender, and as a mother she exerted all a mother's love and watchful care.

Jane Lamont Titus died on March 26, 1899, and was buried at the Valley Cemetery in Shakopee.

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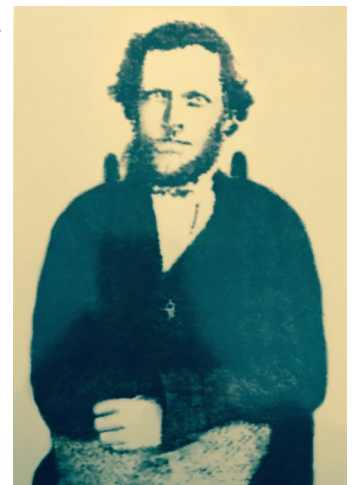
Moses Starr Titus (Oct. 27, 1819-Sept. 22, 1878)

Compiled by David R. Schleper

Shakopee was one of the oldest settlements in Minnesota, but was really only a frontier outpost, part Indian and part white when Moses Starr Titus moved here in 1851.

Moses was born near Washington, Connecticut. The Titus family was related to the Ponds, an old Connecticut family. Moses's parents were Starr Titus and Rebecca Pond. Rebecca was the sister of Samuel Pond and Gideon Pond. Samuel and Gideon came west in 1834 as missionaries among the Indians. The Ponds moved to Marpiya Wicasta, or Cloud Man's village, on the east side of what is now known as Bde Maka Ska in the city limits of Minneapolis. They established a mission there.

Moses came west about 1844 to join the Ponds and assist them as a teacher. Moses was also an Indian farmer and a trader at Black Dog village of Ma-ga-yu-tesh-ni, a band of Mdewakantowanj, the Spirit Lake People, who lived near present day Eagan. Ma-ga-yu-tesh-ni, or They Who Do Not Eat Geese, was named because the Mdewakantowanj had a ready market for all of the maġa' or geese killed at the Fort Snelling garrison, and they traded to receive ku-kú-śe or pork from the fort. The village was formerly called Telankataue, or old village.



Moses Starr Titus, circa 1860. Photo provided by Lisa Ferguson.

Moses moved in with Reverend Samuel W. Pond and Cordelia Eggleston Pond at Tinġta-otoŋwe, which Samuel called Prairieville. He spent the winter of 1851 in Prairieville with his uncle and his wife. Also living with the Ponds was Jane Lamont.

Sarah Pond Ellison remembered about Jane:

"There lived in the family an Indian girl, Jane, granddaughter of Chief Cloud-man, who had been given to the missionaries by her mother. She grew up into a woman of fine Christian character and much capability. She married a white man and her sons are men of prominence in Wisconsin."

Moses was the white man. On March 14, 1850, at the age of 21, Jane married Samuel Pond's nephew, Moses, at Oak Grove in Bloomington. Moses had been living with the family since 1844, in Bloomington and then Prairieville (Shakopee).

In the fall of 1852, Moses and Jane, along with their first child, Seymour Starr Titus, built a house in a place later called Lot 9, Block 24 of Titus Addition. Moses came to Shakopee by canoe, and then by ox teams, following the old Indian trail, the same ox-cart trail that arrived near the homes of Samuel and Cordelia Eggleston Pond's home and, across the Faribault Springs where widow Wakan Yanke lived with her four daughters.

Moses Starr Titus died on Sept. 22, 1878.

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Meet Our Members: Nancy Schmit

By Eileen Schmitz

As a history buff it was natural that Nancy would become interested in Shakopee history and become a member of the Shakopee Heritage Society. She has been a member for about 10 years and is very supportive of SHS.

Nancy wasn't born in Shakopee but was raised in Shakopee. She was born Aug. 1937 at Abbott Hospital in Minneapolis, MN. She isn't sure why she was born there. Her parents John and Ina Metcalf along with two older sisters, Irene and Mary Ellen were living in Shakopee at the time. The Franciscan Sisters came to Shakopee and established a hospital in the year 1938. She just missed having been born at the new hospital. Before 1938 were all births home births? I guess so. This could be a research project for the SHS.

Her father, John was an educator, starting his career in Swanville, MN, first teaching history and coaching basketball, later serving as Superintendent of Schools for Shakopee and Burnsville. He was instrumental in the building of Burnsville High School. Around 1945 he purchased the Kopisca Super Service Station on West First Street, added a garage and showroom and became owner of Metcalf Motors, a Chrysler and Plymouth dealership. In 1954 he was elected Minnesota State Senator for District 21. He served in the Minnesota Senate until around 1973. Her father and two older sisters are portrayed in the mural that was painted in 1940 on the wall of the Shakopee High School, a memorable memory for Nancy.

Nancy's mother, a busy homemaker, did not work outside of the home but was involved in various civic organizations in Shakopee. She walked to get her groceries and conduct other household business which was the mode of transportation for most women at the time.

Nancy's father's ethnicity was German, Welsh, Irish, and English. Her mother was mostly French. She did not know a grandparent on either side and doesn't remember having any special ethnic celebrations, customs or food preparations that her family celebrated.

As a child her family lived in various houses in Shakopee. The first house she remembers was on Fifth Avenue and Somerville, next on Fourth Avenue and Fuller, then on First Street and Atwood. She said this house was a big stone house that stood where Cy Sames's Service Station was located. I believe this was the Anton Entrup house that was demolished sometime in the late 1940s or early 1950s. From there they moved to Holmes and Sixth Street where she lived until she married.

Her education started with first grade through eighth grades at St. Mary's Catholic School, then on to Shakopee High School on Fifth Avenue. She graduated from high school in 1955. She married in 1955 and settled into her role as wife and mother. At first she was a stay-at-home mom, mother to four children. In 1972 she found employment at Betti Lu's Dress Shop working there until around 1977 when she went to work for Shakopee Medical Center on Tenth and Marschall, later known as Park Nicollet Clinic. She worked in the business office, retiring after 32 years.

In high school she was involved in theater and was a cheerleader. During summer when she was old enough she was kept busy with babysitting children for her sister and neighbors, picked berries, someplace across the river, worked at the Shakopee Theatre and at Moon Valley Drive-In. Nancy reminisced with me the "good old days," missing the small town atmosphere she knew as a child when children could wander around Shakopee, knowing everyone she would meet and spend time talking and playing with the children. She said walking across the bridge to go skating at the roller rink located on old 169 wasn't rare. She and her friends were frequent



Nancy at two years old.



Nancy in eighth grade.



Nancy's high school graduation photo.

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visitors to the various ballrooms located in Chaska, Carver, Spring Lake, dancing to old time music, swimming at Sunset Beach on Spring Lake, eating the "best hamburger" (Tex burger) at the Tri-Y Drive-In, going to Hopkins to eat pizza until Shakopee got their own pizza parlor.

Nancy thoroughly enjoys retirement. She is her own boss, does what she wants, has many interests, such as belonging to three different book clubs, the Red Hat Society, breakfast groups, has her favorite PBS and other TV shows, spending time with her family, friends and of course the SHS is important to her. She loves to cook and enjoys the challenge of being an efficient shopper and manager of her food supplies.

Nancy loved her parents. I quote, "Wonderful parents who had good senses of humor and were loving and caring to their children." No wonder we at SHS enjoy Nancy so much.

Thank you, Nancy for being you and for all you do.

Save the date for Valley Cemetery tour

Mark your calendar for Betty Dols, who will be sharing stories at the Valley Cemetery in Shakopee. This is an exciting tour for Shakopee Heritage Society members that is worth joining! It will happen on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the cemetery, 1700 East Fourth Avenue (just east of the Knights Event Center). Meet at the windmill at 10 a.m. Following the tour, we will have lunch at Turtle's Bar and Grill, lunch cost being on your own. If you haven't RSVPed, please RSVP with Lois Wendt at 952-233-8923 or lkws Shak@gmail.com.

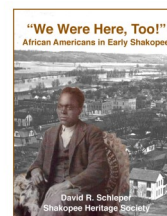
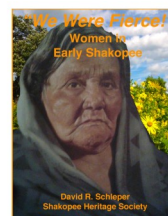
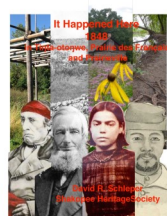
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