



Shakopee Heritage Society Newsletter

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Read about the namesake behind Hazen Street and Mooers Avenue on page 3.



Forty years ago a train derailed in Shakopee. Read more on page 6.

Next Membership Meeting

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018, 1 p.m.

Shakopee Public Library
235 Lewis St. S.

August Wilhelm Abel and Ida Bertha Villwock Abel and the Tailor Shop

By David R. Schleper

August Abel was born in Schiefelbein, Pommern, Germany in 1841. He came to America with his brother, Ferdinand, and family. They had planned to go either to Wisconsin or Illinois, but came west to St. Paul from Chicago, and, not speaking English, came confused and did not know what to do.

As August, Ferdinand, and family stood at a street corner, a man came over and asked what happened. When August and Ferdinand tried to explain the predicament, the man said, "Come with me," and they followed, and landed in Shakopee! August stayed in Shakopee ever since. "I have always considered that a lucky meeting!" the smiling August responded.

When August moved to Shakopee in 1863, there were few buildings here, he remembered. He married Ida Villwock and they had nine children.

In 1863*, August acquired the property on the southwest corner of First and Sommerville Street. The building was used as a tailor shop and a home for the family.

Besides being a tailor, August was the leader of a band and orchestra, and he continued his career as a musician for several years.

For 49 years, August was a tailor in Shakopee, viewing life in Shakopee from the window of his shop on First Street. "From my experiences as the proprietor of a tailor shop in Shakopee nearly fifty years, I have acquired a high opinion of the people of this community," said August. "I found them invariably honest, no more vain than nature intended them to be, kindly, considerate and friendly."

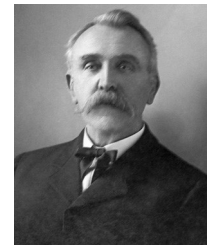
Ida died on Oct. 11, 1919, and August died on Dec. 30, 1932. The tailor shop and home was given to The Landing in 1979 by Gene Pearson. Pearson bought the place, and after giving the building to The Landing, he built Pearson Florist on the corner of First and Sommerville, where it is still located.

The tailor shop was moved to The Landing, but after they started fixing it up, they decided that it was too unstable, and the building was torn down.

And that is all we know about one of the first tailor shops in downtown Shakopee!

*According to a report in the *Shakopee Valley News* article in 1979, "Early Shakopee tailor shop given to Murphy's Landing," the building was acquired in 1871.

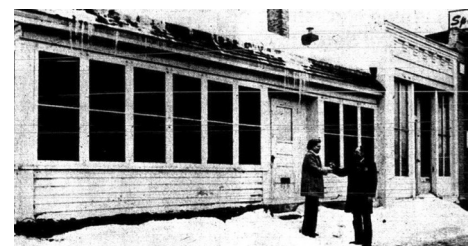
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August Abel



Ida Abel



The keys for the tailor shop and home are given to The Landing by Gene Pearson in 1979.



The tailor shop and home is being moved to The Landing.

Editors' Notes

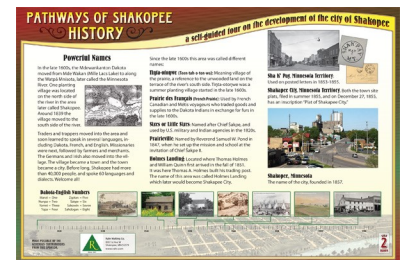
- Welcome to our new member: Beth Strunk.
- We're taking a year off from our annual potluck. Our next membership meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. at the Shakopee Public Library.
- For future newsletters, we invite members to write a short narrative of some of their memories growing up/living in Shakopee. Each issue, we'll try to select at least one member to feature their memories in Members' Corner. Memories may be emailed to newsletter@shakopeeheritage.org, or sent via postal mail to: Shakopee Heritage Society, Attn: Members' Corner, 2109 Boulder Pointe, Shakopee, MN 55379.
- Visit us "out and about" at JCI Shakopee's Taste of Shakopee Business Expo on Sunday, July 15 and the Shakopee Diversity Alliance International Festival on Friday, Aug. 3. Both events are held at Huber Park in downtown Shakopee.
- We'll be taking a field trip to the Sibley Historic Site/Sibley House on Saturday, Aug. 18. See page 5 for additional info.
- 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 newsletter@shakopeeheritage.org.
- 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 newsletter@shakopeeheritage.org. We would love to hear from you!

History Park Happenings

In mid-July, the first three trail signs will be placed in the history park, across from Memorial Park. Five other signs are in process, which we hope to have up in the fall.

In September, we will hold our second annual Pathways of Shakopee History fundraiser and silent auction on Thursday, Sept. 13 at Turtle's 1890 Social Centre. There will be a 5:30 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. dinner, and presentation at 7:15 p.m. by David Schleper.

Tickets are on sale for \$40, which includes dinner. To obtain tickets, please contact any board member, email us at info@shakopeeheritage.org, purchase tickets on our website at shakopeeheritage.org/history-park/fundraiser-silent-auction/, or visit Bill's Toggery to purchase your tickets. Special thanks to Billy at Bill's Toggery for providing a place to sell tickets!



Trail sign 2

New Logo

In this newsletter, you'll see our new logo in use. As our old logo didn't scale well, we commissioned Christopher Schmid to design a new logo for the Shakopee Heritage Society. This logo takes the house look from our past logo and also colorizes it.



New SHS logo

Liu Kwong Kee and the Laundromat (1917)

By David R. Schleper

Liu Kwong Kee operated a Chinese laundry in downtown Shakopee in 1917. It was located on Holmes Street, between First and Second avenues, in the building that is now Riverfront Printing.

Ora Kopisca, age five, remembered Liu Kwong Kee. Ora's father opened a garage for Elcar cars. In the same building was the laundry.

One of Ora's memories was of Liu Kwong Kee eating one of his favorite meals of boiled carp and rice. "His technique for eating the fish from the bowl with some of the cooking liquid was a combination of chopstick dexterity plus a sort of vacuum cleaner action." Ora always enjoyed being with the elderly Chinese man.

The building later became the Wermerskirchen Clothing Store (before they moved to the store on Lewis Street). The building today is Riverfront Printing.



Andrew Kopisca Service Garage tow truck

Streets of Shakopee: Hazen P. Mooers (Aug. 3, 1789-April 3, 1857)

(In Tīŋta-otoŋwe and Prairieville 1846-1849)

By David R. Schleper

In 1818, Mar-pi-ya-ro-to-win II married Hazen P. Mooers, an American who was sent to Minnesota to work with the American Fur Company in 1816.

Hazen was born near Plattsburgh, New York on Aug. 3, 1789, the son of Moses Hazen Mooers and Jemima Jackson. He was the fifth of 13 children. He lived and worked on their farm until he joined Aitken's Volunteers, which repulsed an attack of the British. He received a rifle as a testimonial of his work. He then headed to Prairie du Chien.



Hazen P. Mooers

In Prairie du Chien, Hazen was employed by James Aird, a Scotchman. When Hazen was about 23, he married Mar-pi-ya-ro-to-win II (Grey Cloud Woman).

Hazen was a large and athletic man, courageous and even tempered. He was a trader who made much profit to the American Fur Company where they conducted a trading post at Big Stone Lake for 15 years. He would make annual trips to Prairie du Chien, carrying his gathering of furs bought, and getting a supply of goods to trade with the Dakota. In 1829 Hazen came down from Lake Traverse with 126 packs of furs, with a value of \$12,000! In 1835, he established a post at Little Rock, five miles below Fort Ridgely.

After years of traveling throughout the state to various trading posts, in approximately 1838, the family moved to Spirit Wood Island, now called Grey Cloud Island. Grey Cloud Island, about five miles long and one to two miles wide, is situated in the south end of Washington County, between St. Paul and Hastings. Historical accounts surmise the move was made for Mar-pi-ya-ro-to-win II to be closer to relatives in a large Black Dog Village, directly across the river, while Hazen could establish a trade center. Thanks to the strong influence of his wife, he was able to traffic with three bands of the Dakota Indians.

In the fall of 1846, Hazen and Mar-pi-ya-ro-to-win II moved to Tīŋta-otoŋwe and lived among the tipi tanka (or bark lodges) and a few tioti or two until the spring of 1849. The house was built in the fall of 1846, and located just as you arrived on Highway 101 into downtown Shakopee. It was located on the right side as you head west, close to the duck pond. The location is also located about 10 rods, or 55 feet, north of the Rev. Samuel W. Pond and Cordelia Eggleston Pond's house (which would be built the next year). Hazen was appointed an Indian farmer, which provided him land there to farm.

Hazen and Mar-pi-ya-ro-to-win II moved out in the spring of 1849. (Hazen's son, Kahoton, continued to live in Tīŋta-otoŋwe, and was an Indian farmer for the government until the spring of 1853.) Mar-pi-ya-ro-to-win II died on July 20, 1849 at Black Dog Village, a village of her Dakota relatives.

Hazen and his son, Kahoton John Mooers, moved move north in 1853. Hazen secured a contract for erecting the first government buildings at the Lower Sioux Agency.

Hazen later married Ellen Stafford (1815-1893) in November 1853 at the Lower Sioux Agency. Hazen and Ellen had one child named Ellen Mooers, who was born March 10, 1855 at the Lower Sioux Agency and has been reported as the first white child to be born in Redwood County. Once Hazen completed his work, he retired to a small farm home in the valley just below Fort Ridgely.

Hazen died April 3, 1857 at the age of 68 and was buried at the local cemetery. He was one of the first white persons who lived in the area later called Shakopee.

References: *Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society, Vol. XV, 1915; Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society, Vol. II, at archive.org/stream/collections02minnuoft#page/119/mode/1up; "Historical Notes of Grey Cloud Island and Its Vicinity." archive.org/stream/historicalnoteso00caserich/historicalnoteso00caserich_djvu.txt; "Mourning the Summer of 1862." 15 Jan 2014. midwestweekends.com/plan_a_trip/history_heritage/frontier_history/dakota_war_1862_minnesota.html.*

Let's get social!

Great places to find Shakopee history on Facebook and Twitter

If you're on social media, there are a few places we recommend you follow to get even more Shakopee history.

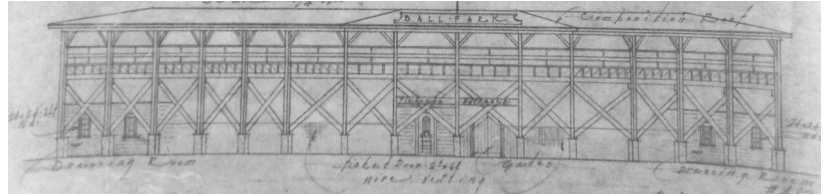
On Facebook, the Shakopee Heritage Society Facebook page (facebook.com/shakopeeh heritage), and the unrelated groups "If you grew up in Shakopee, Minnesota.....then you remember..." and "Shakopee Speaks Out" all have lots of Shakopee history.

The Shakopee Heritage Society is also on Twitter at [@shakoheritage](https://twitter.com/shakoheritage).

Riverside Park Grandstand (1924-1983)

By David R. Schleper

Riverside Park became a very popular place in Shakopee in 1916. According to the Aug. 11, 1916 *Shakopee Tribune*, "...the large crowds of tourists and townspeople that are enjoying its delights these hot days and nights. Mr. (Ben) Gellenbeck has the entire park mowed, with a lawnmower, every scrap of dirt and refuse and undergrowth removed, and has provided a dressing room and springboard for bathers, a croquet set that is going all the time, a turning pole, trapeze, swing, pole vault and jumping apparatus, dumbbells, tight wire, a merry-go-round for kids, and in addition there is the dancing platform, and everything in the line of refreshments and lunches at his neatly built and decorated refectory. Tables and benches are everywhere, and tourists are loud in their praises of our park as one of Nature's choicest beautyspots."



Blueprints for the Riverside Park Grandstand

A very enthusiastic and largely attended baseball meeting was held in the city council for the purpose of asking to build a grandstand. J.B. Ries outlined a plan. "The first of these plans is that the city will contract for the building of a new grandstand and that the city in turn will be reimbursed by a percentage of the receipts taken in at the athletic attractions each year until the entire cost of the grandstand is paid back to the city. In this way the grandstand will pay for itself and according to the plan whereby the reimbursement will be made, it is feasible to predict that it will not take longer than four or five years before the entire cost is repaid the city," said the *Shakopee Argus* on March 1, 1924.

A special election was held. "About one-third of the city's total vote, or 326, went to the polls to express their will and judgement." The majority, 268, were in favor, with just 29 opposed. "The city is now fully and unquestionably authorized through its governing body to negotiate a lease with the group of citizens who have the project of building a suitable grandstand under consideration," said the *Shakopee Argus* on March 21, 1924.

The *Shakopee Argus* on May 9, 1924 noted that four separate bids for the grandstand were submitted, and A.F. Huth was picked for building the stadium, for \$2394. The new grandstand, painted dark green, was opened by Memorial Day.

The Shakopee Indians amateur baseball team was established in 1938 and has been representing the community of Shakopee in amateur baseball for over 75 years. The Indians are a Class B team and a member of the River Valley League. The Shakopee Indians baseball team was the Minnesota Amateur Baseball State Champion in 1940, 1959, 2009, and 2010.

In articles in the *Shakopee Argus-Tribune*, Sept. 9 and Sept. 23, 1948, Oct. 21, 1948, and Nov. 4, 1948, the annual tournament, which happened at Riverside Park, had more than 34,263 paid admissions, and a record-breaking crowd of 7,513 attending the last game. The new lights were paid for from the ticket sales!

The Shakopee High School baseball team started in 1937, and played at Riverside Stadium until 1983, and then at Tahpah Park at Joe Schleper Stadium from 1984 to today.

Shakopee graduates who played professional ball included Warren Stemmer (1940) for the Red Sox/Eau Claire, Ken Reitmeier (1951) for the Boston Braves, Jeff Jonckowski (1989) for the Minneapolis Loons and Southern Minny All Stars, Matt Logeais (1990) for the Marshall Mallards, and Chase Hentges (2008) for the Kansas City Royals.

This summer Shakopee will host the 2018 Amateur Baseball State Tournament at Joe Schleper Stadium.

Thomas A. Holmes's Wives

Last issue, we talked about the second wife of Thomas A. Holmes, *Witch-e-ain*. In this issue, the third wife is discussed.

Helen M. Taisey Holmes: The Third Wife of Thomas A. Holmes

By David R. Schleper

Thomas A. Holmes married Helen M. Taisey on Aug. 24, 1854 at the Episcopal Church in Shakopee.

Thomas was 50 years old, and Helen was 15 years old.

Taisey's father used to keep the Lake House, a boarding house, in Stillwater, but moved to Shakopee and had a claim about three miles from downtown Shakopee. By mid-February, Taisey's parents were having problems, and eventually divorced. Her father traded his claim to Mr. Allen's house in town, according to



Thomas A. Holmes

Daniel Storer. (Later, Mr. Taisey sold the house to Spier Spencer for \$1300.) A.H. Taisey ended up in Greenwood, at the fork of the Crow River, about twenty miles north of Shakopee in a forest of timber in 1856. He had a public house there, and later was trading in groceries. By a year later, he married again, and according to Daniel Storer's diary, appeared to be doing well. "He has a small appearing woman." Helen M. Taisey met Thomas A. Holmes while in Shakopee, and was probably excited about marrying a millionaire.

After three years, Thomas, age 53, asked the marriage contract between him and Helen be dissolved. Helen was 35 years younger than Thomas.

According to legal papers, Helen refused to cohabit with Thomas, which she was duty bound to do. She was given to extravagant habits and practices, including large and unnecessary debts at various stores and mercantile houses in Shakopee. The incompatibility by and between the two people, which continually created dissensions, disputes, bickering and strife, caused the devolvement of the marriage.

Helen had "a furious and ungovernable temper wholly unsuitable to domestic peace or enjoyment, that she frequently used abusive and vituperative language and would frequently with profane oaths and other improper language for a lady."

The marriage was dissolved on March 24, 1858.

References: Storer, Daniel M. 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 Heritage Society, 2003; State Archives-Scott County District Court, Civil and Criminal Case Files, 1854-1932. Box 1, Minnesota Historical Society. Territory of Minnesota District Court, Scott County: Thomas A. Holmes against Helen M. Holmes.

Donations

We welcome donations of both memorabilia and photos pertaining to the people, places, businesses, and events of Shakopee.

If you have something that may be historic (or aren't sure if it's historic or could ever become historic) that you're looking to get rid of, contact us and we'd be happy to determine if it's something that we would be interested in.

Don't forget that photos from even five years ago are history. We can scan and return photos, slides, or negatives, as well.

Please contact us if you wish to donate to the Shakopee Heritage Society.

Here are a few recent donations:

- **Patricia Arnold Cates Collection:** Patricia Jeanine Arnold Cates is the great-great-granddaughter of Oliver Faribault and Wakan Yanke, who built the first log cabin and trading post in 1844. Patricia allowed us to make copies of some of the original photos and tintypes from the Faribault cabin.
- **Bust of Dr. Frederick H. Buck from Gwen Hennen:** Dr. Buck was a Shakopee doctor starting in 1911. According to Gwen, a patient did not have money for his surgery, and instead gave the bust of Dr. Buck as payment.
- **Photographic Glass Prints Collection from Beth Strunk:** Beth donated 25 photographic glass prints from the early 1900s in Shakopee. The photographs will be available to view online at the Shakopee Heritage Society website.
- **Central Family Center Construction Diagrams from Chris Reynolds:** We received diagrams that Chris had put together showing the progression of the construction and demolition of the Union School building, all the way to the present Central Family Center. These will be posted under "Places" on the website.
- **Shakopee High School (original building) History from Chris Kiecker:** Chris donated a copy of his 2003 research paper for his construction management degree, which documents details, blueprints, and photos of the original Shakopee High School. This will also be posted under the "Places" section of our website.



Top Left: Photo from Patricia Arnold Cates collection.

Bottom Left: Street fair scene from photographic glass prints collection.

Top Right: Bust of Dr. Frederick H. Buck.

Sibley Historic Site/Sibley House Field Trip

The Shakopee Heritage Society will be taking a field trip to the Sibley Historic Site in Mendota on Saturday, Aug. 18. We will be carpooling from the parking lot east of Bill's Toggery at 9 a.m., to arrive at the Sibley Historic Site for a 10 a.m. tour. The cost per participant is \$6 for admission. We will be back in Shakopee by 1 p.m. If interested in driving, or if you have not signed up yet, please contact Donna Lane at 952-445-3381 or donnalee63@q.com.

Train derails in 1978

On Oct. 11, 1978, between 5:15 and 5:30 a.m., seven cars of a Chicago-Northwestern train filled with soybeans, heading east, derailed between Fuller and Lewis streets, along Second Avenue. The rail cars were badly twisted and tore up 300 feet of track. As the train didn't stop immediately, the cars were dragged, knocking down power lines and creating a nearly five-foot hole next to the train tracks. Several cars buckled, with one coming within 15 feet of hitting the Nick Theis home. Ken Bjerkeset, dispatcher for the railway, mentions in the Oct. 18, 1978 *Shakopee Valley News* that the apparent cause of the derailment was defective wheels on the end of one car, which prevented the car from turning properly so it couldn't negotiate a curve. Total damage from the derailment was estimated at \$75,000, fortunately with no injuries. The tracks were up and running by the following day.

Reference: Shakopee Valley News, 18 Oct 1978, p. 1.



Onlookers observe the derailed rail cars by Berens's Supermarket on the right side of the photo. On the left, one car can be seen within 15 feet of the Nick Theis house. Derailment photos on this page and on page 1 by Paul Dellwo.

Members' Corner

For this issue, we have a few memories from Paul and Marcia Dellwo. Some of these things, they say, would probably land you in jail these days!

Marcia remembers visiting Mrs. Winger on Bluff Avenue with her mother. Mrs. Winger lived in the second house in from the corner behind where the Lutheran Church was. This church is now a staffing agency. Paul remembers parishioners singing in the Lutheran Church and looking in the windows with Romie Pumper. A man came out from the church. Paul told the man, "We were just listening." The man replied, "Well, you shouldn't do that unless you ask permission." Marcia remembers her dad taking her to an ice cream social at the former Presbyterian Church on Fillmore Street and First Avenue.

Marcia used to watch ballgames at the Women's State Reformatory on Fifth Avenue with her mom. Izzy Suel was on the team at the time. She remembers laying in a field with tall grass, where Doris Marschall later built a Page and Hill house, with other kids, watching World War II airplanes flying. Paul watched the planes from a field in the "east" end of town, where he played ball.

Marcia recalls her Grandpa Kopp working on the crew that added on to Rahr Malting. As a kid, her parents made her go to bed early while it was still light outside. Her mom would put tubs of water in the backyard so the sun would warm them up, and then would bathe the kids before sending them to bed. Marcia used to lay in bed and listen to the hum of Rahr.

Both Paul and Marcia picked fruits and vegetables. Marcia picked beans on the other side of Riverside Park for a couple years. She also picked strawberries at Ericksons', across the Minnesota River, with Al and Bob Sames. Paul picked strawberries from a field near the bridge by Elmer Dressen's; he recalls eating many of them while working. Later, Marcia picked raspberries with Mr. Riga, who would pick up the workers at the corner of Second and Holmes and take them across the river. Both Paul and Marcia recall about 20 acres of fields by where the 10th Avenue and Holmes Street water tower is. Marcia detasseled corn here with Virginia Weckman and Joyce Heitzman, at a rate of about \$20 per acre. Al Born, who lived on the corner of 10th Avenue and Apgar Street, occasionally supplied the workers with water.

Marcia recalls finding a semi-circle structure along the Minnesota River trail, somewhere west of the Holmes Street Bridge, while taking a hike with a group that Sister Mary Richard had led while Marcia was in fifth grade. The structure was built by Native Americans, made out of brick, flagstone, or limestone. The hikers found corncob pipes in the structure.

Across the street from where she grew up, Marcia recalls a tree in Holmes Park that the McGovern kids climbed, with boards nailed to it like a ladder.

Paul recalls getting kicked out of the Shakopee Theatre while going to see a western in the winter. Henry Workman owned the theater at the time. Paul and his friends took a front-row center seat. When Paul got back from a restroom and concessions break, older kids had his jacket, which he had left on the seat, and they got into an argument. Paul got kicked out



Marcia and Paul Dellwo wedding photo

Members' Corner continued on page 8

History of Shakopee Series

Senior Research Chair and Vice-President David R. Schleper continues to present a free History of Shakopee series for Shakopee Parks and Recreation, one of our partners in the Pathways of Shakopee History project, at the Šakpe ti Senior Lounge located in the Shakopee Community Center. Attend as many of these sessions as you would like, but please be sure to sign up ahead of time at the Shakopee Community Center front desk or online at parksandrec.shakopeemn.gov.

Upcoming presentations for Shakopee Parks and Recreation include:

So Jazzy! Shakopee in the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s

Tuesday, July 31, 1-2 p.m.

Please register for program CD 731 by Tuesday, July 24

Shakopee was known as Little Chicago. Learn about what life was like back then during the Prohibition and beyond in this presentation.

Mitakuye Owasin: American Indians in Early Shakopee

Tuesday, Aug. 14, 1-2 p.m.

Please register for program CD 814 by Tuesday, Aug. 7

Learn about some of the American Indians who lived in the area later called Shakopee, including Šakpe II, Šakpedan or Little Six, Thaóyate Dúta (Little Crow), Jane Lamont Titus, Charles A. Manaige, Shoto, and Kahoton "Makes Noise by Striking" John Mooers, among other early Dakota and other Indians who lived here.

The following sessions will be available for registration starting mid/late August through Shakopee Parks and Recreation:

A, B, Cs and 1, 2, 3s: Schools in Early Shakopee

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1-2 p.m.

Please register for program CD 911 by Thursday, Sept. 6

Shakopee has 12 schools. But many years ago, schools happened in houses, in churches, and in log cabins. Over time, public schools started popping up around the area of Shakopee. Learn about some of the schools in the area, and how they grew to fit the population of people who lived in our town.

It Happened Here in 1851 at Holmes's Landing

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 1-2 p.m.

Please register for program CD 1009 by Thursday, Oct. 4

When Thomas A. Holmes and William Louis Quinn arrived in the area called Holmes's Landing (later called Shakopee), the area was called Tinja-otojwe, a village of 600 Dakota Indians. Learn about the white people who moved to the area over the next few years, and the Indians who were already here for 175 years before the white people arrived.

Balls, Balls, Balls! Sports in Early Shakopee

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1-2 p.m.

Please register for program CD 1113 by Thursday, Nov. 8

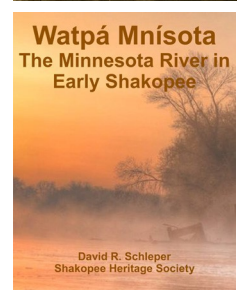
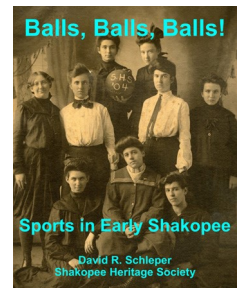
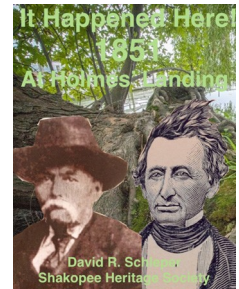
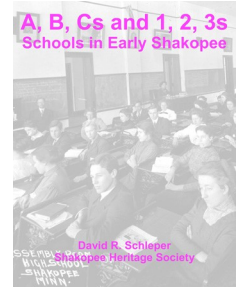
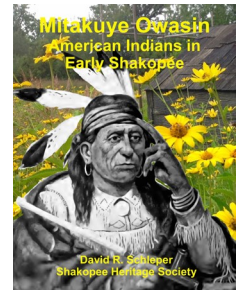
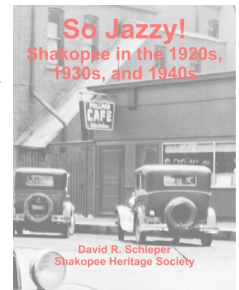
Learn about the sports in early Shakopee, including Ta-ka-psi-ca-pi, or lacrosse, that men and women of the Dakota played on the prairie in the 1840s, to baseball played at Riverside Park, to football and baseball played by companies and schools in Shakopee.

Watpá Mnísota: The Minnesota River in Early Shakopee

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1-2 p.m.

Please register for program CD 1211 by Thursday, Dec. 6

The river flows through downtown Shakopee. Learn about the floods, the drownings, the steamboats, the ferries, and the bridges, and all that make Shakopee the place to live.



of the theater and ran across the street. Sitting near the curb, he fired a slingshot at the movie theater, putting a hole in the glass door.

Paul was once sitting at Strunk's Drug Store. On the corner was Pat Thielen, who liked to nap. Pat told the kids to keep moving or he'd "run them in." Paul had a potato in his pocket. He peeled the potato and tapped it into the tailpipe of Pat's car. When Pat had to leave for a police run, he couldn't start his car.

Each member has a story to tell about their experiences and memories in Shakopee, and we'd love to hear them for Members' Corner. We invite you to email us with your memories at newsletter@shakopeeheritage.org, or mail them to us at Shakopee Heritage Society, Attn: Members' Corner, 2109 Boulder Pointe, Shakopee MN 55379.

This month in history

Take a look back at newspaper headlines from July in the following years, from 25 to 125 years ago:

- **1893:** B. A. Kohler sells his drug business to Messrs. M. A. Deutsch and Herbert Zettel, of Jordan.
- **1918:** Ground is broken for the Women's Reformatory.
- **1943:** The Shakopee NYA Center closes.
- **1968:** Common Council approves park land for a future historic site, east of Memorial Park.
- **1993:** City Council rejects a proposal that would have allowed an outdoor amphitheater and entertainment complex at Canterbury Downs.

Read even more historic tidbits in the "Remember When" column of the Shakopee Valley News, and at shakopeeheritage.org/historic-tidbits/remember-when/.

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