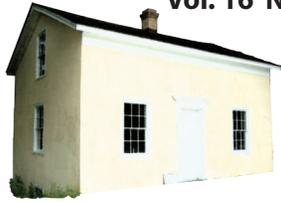


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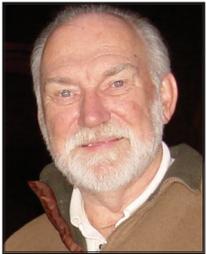
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Mequon-Thiensville Historical Trivia President's Message



When I speak to local community groups, I often engage them in a fun game of local historical trivia. As my contribution to the MTHS fall newsletter, I decided to extend the game to our many readers by offering a few trivia questions about the Village of Thiensville. This will hopefully provide interesting facts about our community and encourage readers to learn more about our local history.

Test your knowledge of the history of the Village of Thiensville with the following trivia questions:

1. When was Thiensville incorporated as a village?
2. The Thiensville train station was destroyed in 1965. What happened to the train station and who benefitted from the loss?
3. When was the Thiensville firehouse built and why does it have a 60 foot tower?
4. In the late 1800's, what was the hamlet of Thiensville's claim to fame?
5. Thiensville started as an identifiable hamlet in 1839, but there were no churches built in the village until 1919. Why did Thiensville not have a church building for its first 80 years?
6. The original mill in Thiensville was built in 1842-43 by John Henry Thien and burned to the ground in a marsh fire in 1874. The mill was replaced with a five-story stone mill in 1876 that was ultimately torn down in 1956. What name appeared in large stone letters on the façade of the Thien family's 1876 mill?



Image of the Thiensville Fire Station on Green Bay Road.

Find the answers on page 3 of this newsletter.

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The MT Historical Society has grown rapidly during the past two years. We have approximately 250 voting members including members from several states. Join today. It's easy. Memberships also make great gifts!

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Don Silldorff, 1926-2014

Don Silldorff, co-founder of Mequon Historical Society, passed away on August 21st, 2014. The Mequon-Thiensville community owes a huge debt of gratitude to Don for his many years of dedication to collecting, preserving and sharing the history of our community. Please watch for an in depth tribute to Don Silldorff in our next newsletter.



Image of Don Silldorff.

Save the Date!

Historic Days (Children's Programming Only) Friday, September 26, at Thiensville Park

This exciting educational program, offered by the Logemann Community Center, is designed to provide local 4th grade students a "realistic view of what life was like in early America." The event hosts between 300-400 school children each year. Dedicated MT Historical Society volunteers participate in this event yearly.

MTHS Annual Meeting and Program Sunday, November 9th

Our program this year will be a presentation by the Nieman family about the Nieman/Fromm family's five generations of business in the Thiensville-Mequon community. See newsletter insert for more details.

Volunteers Needed

We could use your help with clipping and filing, indexing materials, planning fund raising, setting up displays, organizing advertising, updating the web page, or editing the newsletter.

Interested? Call Mary Sayner at 262-242-2624 or 262-389-7928 to find out how you can help.

Research Tips by MTHS Researcher Ruth Renz

Have you ever thought about doing your family's genealogy? Or, perhaps you have reached a point where you have run out of ideas as to where to further your search? Below is a helpful list of suggestions:

- Personal records. This includes diaries, letters, photograph albums, autograph books, birth certificates, wedding and funeral books, scrap books and guest registers you might have.
- Legal papers such as wills, deeds, land grants, leases, loans, bonds, tax notices, etc. Look for Certificates; adoption, birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, divorce, death, awards, achievements, promotions transfers and memberships.
- Military records. Look for service, promotions, pensions, medals, ribbons, uniform, citations and separation papers.
- School records to include diplomas, report cards, awards, honor roll, or yearbooks.
- Employment Records are also helpful and may include apprenticeship, severance, social security, retirement, union or income taxes.
- Contact churches for histories, lineage, and bulletins that include announcements such as wedding, birth, death, funeral, graduation, divorce, anniversary, new job, travel, new house or engagement.
- Membership Records such as cards, uniforms, awards, publications or certificates.

- Financial Records will have accounts, bills, receipts, check stubs, estate records, and bank statements.
- Health Records such as x-rays, insurance papers, hospital records, medical records, and immunizations.
- Licenses including but not limited to business, professional, hunting-fishing, firearms and motor vehicles.
- Newspaper clippings. They might be in a drawer, a shoe box or a scrap book. They can include special announcements, obituaries, vital statistics or special events.
- Household Items will tell you a lot about family. Needlework, samplers, tapestries, quilts, clothing, tools, rings, silverware, engraved items, or a coat of arms are the things to look for. Look at the selection of books that were kept. These could be treasured volumes, foreign languages, atlases, or cookbooks. The information you have gathered from these sources will greatly add to your knowledge about members of your family and your writings.

Ruth J. Renz, Researcher for the Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society, adapted these suggestions originally offered by the Genealogical Institute in Salt Lake City, Utah. If you need help assembling the history of your family, please contact Ruth at 262-242-3107 or by email at mthistory1839@gmail.com.



Calling All Artists!

Do you have an artistic talent? Would you like to share that talent?

Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society is looking for someone to design letterhead with landmarks of both Mequon and Thiensville. It could incorporate an octagon barn, the Isham Day House (cross from Mequon City Hall), the old Thiensville Firehouse on the corner of Green Bay Road and Main Street, Thiensville, Thiensville Old Mill on Green Bay Road, one of the landmark houses on Green Bay or Main Street or the Mequon-Thiensville Dam. The sky is the limit for a design but it needs to be representative

of both municipalities and be usable as black and white for letterhead, business cards, membership cards, note cards, and on envelopes. The finished drawing will be framed and displayed in our office, if it is chosen.

If interested, please contact MTHS Board Member Bonnie Heintskill at 262-242-1642 (home). If we have several entries, we will vote on it at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at Mequon Hall.

MTHS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. If you would like to donate your design to the organization, you can take the cost off your taxes. We will give you a letter acknowledging your donation for tax purposes.

Thiensville Trivia... How much do you know?

Image of The Memmler-Aussem Hotel in Thiensville (1886-1963.)

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