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WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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2015 Log Cabin Festival THANKS to all of YOU!

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WCHS MEETING

7:00 pm

Tues., October 27

Kevin Beener

**Warren County's
Namesake-
Revolutionary War
Major General
Joseph Warren**

**Bring your Burger
King Supper at 6:15**

**There will be
desserts**

**WCHS EXECUTIVE
BOARD**

**Nov. 14,
Sat. at 9:30**

LCF COMMITTEE-

**Sat. at 10:30
Nov. 14**

**WCHS VOLUNTEER
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WCHS Volunteer
of Year

Special thanks to Matt Mitchell for letting us share his wonderful LCF photos



LCF PARADE WINNERS

Westview Care Center, **Best of Theme**

Indianola Christian Union, **Best Historical**

Christian Opportunity Center, **Best Merchants**



Parade Marshalls Jerry and Bev Wetzel with Dan Porter



Mike Murphy's Famous Chili was #1 Winner Chili Cook-off Best Chili. Mike is keeping his seasoning mix a secret but we all needed a glass of water while sampling it, so you know it was a

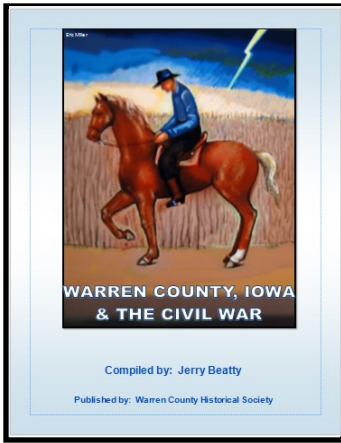


Lori Long, who has entered over 40 Chili competitions won 1st in Specialty Chili. She shares her Fire and Ice Chili Recipe

#2 lean ground beef 1 medium yellow onion
1, 2-oz. can diced tomato & green chili
Green, yellow and red pepper, as desired (3 Tablespoons)
Jalapeno pepper 1, 2-oz. can pineapple chunks
chili powder, cumin, salt, pepper and steak seasoning to taste
Brown beef in olive oil. Sautee peppers and onions. Add jalapeno as desired. Simmer then add pineapple juice. Prior to serving add pineapple chunks.

WARREN COUNTY, IOWA & THE CIVIL WAR,

2015 LCF Book Available



Don't forget to purchase this year's LCF book, **Warren County Iowa & The Civil War**. You can purchase it Thursdays 9 to 4 or Saturday 9 to noon at the Warren County Historical Society or purchase it online at www.warrencountyhistory.org. The book's cost is \$30 and if you want it mailed add \$5. You may use PayPal if you buy online. This book has information about almost 2,000 Warren County residents who lived here during the Civil War and served in Iowa units, Civil War veterans who moved here after the war and served in various states and a few stories about Warren County residents' ancestors. The Rural School and Ag books make great Christmas gifts also.

New Acquisitions

Original Wonda Chair, combination baby buggy/stroller/high chair/table & chair, from Lita Meints.

2 copies of **Moments in History**, written and donated by William Schooler Sr. Additional copies are for sale at WCHS for \$15.00.

Quilt stencils used by Josie Barkley, from Myrna Barkley.

Busy in the Cause by Lowell J. Soike, from Ruth Hall.

2 boxes of Peoples Bank pictures, Eileen Thompson.

Doiley stretcher and pins, wooden candle holder made from beams at Medora blacksmith shop, Joe M. Spangler's WWII woolen blanket, anonymous donor.

Civil War tapes, from John Liepa.

Kurtz, Myrick, Dearing family folder; Laverty folder, 1925 Pow Wow; Madonna of the Trail; Pennsylvania research; Mormon Pioneer Trails; Descendants of Alexander Young 1836-1918; Hartford and Palmyra folder; Tribute to Rev. Ernest Edgar Parks and Mamie (Yarnell) Parks; Hartford Presbyterian Church Folder; Rose family; McElroy folder with photos and letters; Sheriff Folder; Reynolds/Burns folder; Palmyra History; Thomas McDonald letters; Smith folder, Bartholomew folder, The Early Pilgrimages of the Children of James and Margaret Dora Piffer Ellis; Snyder Folder, Piffer File; Ledlie/Sheriff folder; Scotch Ridge Presbyterian Church; Daniel Hunt family index; VanderFord, Beitzell, Mills; donor Judy Dietrich.

INDIANOLA MASONIC TEMPLE HISTORY

From **Indianola Record Herald**, September 1, 1959: The third floor of the building at the northeast corner of Buxton and Ashland is occupied by Pemble's Hardware Store is being torn down as a matter of precaution. It has not been used for many years and it was thought it was not worth repairing to make it serviceable. The building is owned by Mrs. H.C. Weinman.

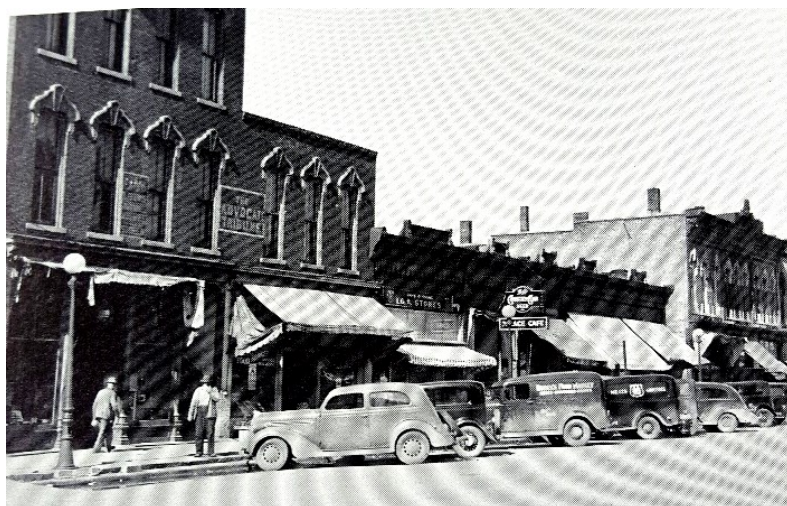


Photo: Northwest corner of square showing 3rd floor

The building was first built in 1876 by the firm of Burl and Hess (not Burl but John S. Borrall). The company owned a brick kiln located on the old Baysinger farm southeast of town near South River.

The Masonic Order built the third floor at the same time and owned it until they moved into the new building in 1926, when it was sold to Mrs. Weinman. (the new building was at the southeast corner of Clinton and Buxton, currently being remodeled by the County.) Johnson and Marr, Law and Noble and the McCoys all were hardware dealers and occupied the building at various times. Harry Weinman found an old joist with "Davenport 1875" written on it. The lumber having been shipped from Davenport in 1875 and used the next spring.



BAYSINGERS in WARREN COUNTY, the rest of the story

Elias Henry Baysinger was born December 26, 1832 or 1833 in Breckinridge, Kentucky to Peter Asa and Elizabeth (Rice) Baysinger. The family moved to Warren County, Iowa near Squaw Creek, when Elias was 18 (1852). Silas married Margaret Jones in Warren County in 1854. They had one son, Farris. They later divorced in the Kansas Territory in 1858. In 1861 he married Sarah Maria Goosic in Warren County. They had: Phebe A., Mary E., Sarah F., Peter Andrew., Elias William, John Alfred., Eda Belle., James Absalom, and Laura. His wife, Sarah died in 1882. Third wife was Lydia Scott. Elias died November 8, 1900 and is buried in Indianola.

The family were strong abolitionists and knew John Brown. Elias spent 1854-1860 in Kansas where his father and family had gone. Elias is listed as fighting with abolitionist John Brown when they attacked the encampment of Henry C. Pate on June 2, 1856 in the Kansas Territory. This was known as The Battle of Black Jack, which is cited as one of many incidents that helped to lead up to the Civil War. (Kansas State Historical Society, John Brown Collection, #299, Box 1, Folder 16, #102532).

In 1860 Elias returned to Indianola and continued as a brick-maker and farmer. The majority of the brick used in Indianola were made by Elias. He also held township offices.

Below is a claim of Elias' father, Peter A. Baysinger. (**Claims of the Citizens of Territory of Kansas**, Vol. 1859, p. 558-560)

#302 *"To the Honorable Commissioner of Claims:*

The petition of Peter Baysinger, under the act of the legislative assembly, and an act supplementary thereto, approved 23rd of February, 1857, providing for the auditing and certifying of claims for damage suffered during the late troubles in Kansas Territory. The above named petitioner respectfully shows to this commissioner, that on or about the 30th of November, 1854, this petitioner resided at Black Jack Point, on the Santa Fe road, in Kansas Territory; that while this petitioner was absent from home a large band of armed men, as this petitioner is informed and believes, entered the house of this petitioner and drove his family from therein and stole and carried away five hundred and sixty-five dollars in gold, broke and destroyed one gun, of the value of fifteen dollars; that he was the legal owner of the said money and of the said gun; that those persons claimed to be Missourians, and declared that this petitioner should not live in Kansas Territory; that on or about the 30th of March, 1855, a party of armed men, as the petitioner is informed and believes, came, to the house of this petitioner, while he was absent, and tore the room off from the house and threw the sides of it nearly down; also tearing down the chimney; put fire into the beds and lard can, with the honest intention of burning the house; broke to pieces one bedstead, one double-barrel shot-gun, one clock, and diverse dishes and household furniture, of the damage to this petitioner of five hundred dollars, that this petitioner was the legal owner of said house and property destroyed, that the house was one story and a half high and 18 by 20 feet on the ground, that he now resides in Douglas county, Kansas Territory, and that said property and money has not been returned to this petitioner, or any part been returned to him nor has any remuneration been made therefore. Therefore, this petitioner prays that the sum of ten hundred and sixty dollars may be allowed him for his damage in the premises,". Signed Peter Baysinger, his mark in Lawrence, November 16, 1857.

There are two statements from neighbors about this incident and a statement by Elizabeth E. Baysinger (Peter's daughter). Peter was awarded \$800.

Elias' younger brother, Peter Washington Baysinger was hanged in 1866. From the **Lawrence Tribune**

Kidnapping of an aggravated character, that occurred near Ottawa on Saturday, last. The circumstances are as follows: Mr. Peter Baysinger was in Ottawa during the day, doing some trading. While there, a man accosted him, under the pretense of wishing to buy his farm. After starting home, accompanied by this man. An exchange was made. At his request, the man getting into the wagon, and Baysinger taking the man's horse. Five other men immediately rode up, and arrested Baysinger for horse theft. They made a pretense of arresting the man in the wagon, with whom Baysinger had just exchanged, and took them down the road towards Olathe, where they were going, to have Baysinger tried. The alarm was given by a neighbor, who had been to Ottawa in company with Baysinger, and a party started in pursuit. They learned at Black Jack, that the arrest of the man who let Baysinger have his horse was a ruse and that the six men were supposed to be a party of bushwhackers from Missouri. From there all trace of them was lost, and the presumption is strong that the kidnapers have reached Missouri with their victim. Mr. Baysinger was a soldier in the 9th Kansas Cavalry, and while in the service on the border made himself very obnoxious to the bushwhackers, and it is feared that they have taken this means to get him into their possession and wreak their vengeance upon him. Active efforts are on foot to ascertain the whereabouts of the party and release Baysinger alive..

Since the above was in type, we learned that Baysinger was hung near DeSoto, in Johnson county, on Sunday evening.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

HERE ARE FEW WCHS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are getting a new scanner that can scan old negatives and 35 mm slides. We have a number of **Record Herold** negatives that need to be scanned into our computers. If this sounds like something you would like to do, let us know.

We also need people who would do indexing of miscellaneous materials in folders and various binders in our library.

Our third new project is to recreate our north museum indoor entrance space and the first booth (the one that contains all the bottles). We want to make this entrance area greet, be hospitable and make visitors want to continue down the row of booths to see what other interesting things we have.

Fourth, we would like someone who would like to learn our Past Perfect program and help us enter things into the program.

If any of these jobs interest you, let us know at 961-8085. If you don't see something here we have many other volunteer opportunities that are unlisted. Drop by an talk to us about what you would like to do.

INDOOR FARMER'S MARKET BEGINS

On Saturday, November 14th from 9:00 to noon you can shop the Indianola Winter Farmer's Market at the Warren County Historical Society. It will occur the second Saturday of the month, November—April.

WARREN COUNTY TIDBITS

Memories from Leo Frazier: Across from "I" Street & West Clinton was 40 acres. In the early days this was called the Rattlesnake 40. This Rattlesnake 40 was covered with buck brush and rattlesnakes. The story goes that one hot August day a bunch of men got on each corner of the 40 and started burning it off. When they got done they had killed about 325 rattlesnakes. I have played all over that 40 acres as youngster and all snakes were gone.

June 4, 1903 **Advocate Tribune**, Cumming: Dr. Cochran had a soda fountain placed in his Cumming drugstore last week.

Sedalia, MO: Friday, December 22, 1899, Murder Near Joplin, *Six months ago William DeAtley's sister eloped with a man named Hedrick. Fred Robertson, a boarder at DeAtley's home, had been attentive to the girl. The De Atleys ordered Robertson to change his boarding house. He moved but continued his attentions to Mrs. Hedrick until his persecutions became unbearable, then the girl told her brother, William DeAtley. Robertson threatened to kill De Atley if he caused any trouble. Both of these young men are miners.*

Last evening, while returning from their work at different mines, they met on the outskirts of Joplin and Robertson, who was much larger than DeAtley, administered a terrible beating to the latter. De Atley hurried home, got a pistol and overtaking Robertson, fired five shots at him without effect.

Then he returned home, reloaded his pistol and went to Robertson's boarding house in Byersville, and called Robertson to the door. When he saw Robertson approach, De Atley fired through the glass door, shooting him in the stomach inflicting a mortal wound. Robertson's home was Milo, Iowa.

Adams County, Villisca Obituary June 1907. Isaac Howard Walker was born in Mountville, Waldo County, Maine, October 30, 1830 and died in Villisca June 15, 1907. A teacher, he came to Iowa in 1854 and settled near Carlisle, IA. Teaching undermined his health so he engaged in the business of contracting and building. He built the first sawmill on the North River and the first gristmill in Carlisle. For 3 years he remained in and near Carlisle building in the summer and teaching in the winter. February 4, 1857 he married Sarah Compton and moved to Page County. He was a 2nd Lt. in Co. F, 23rd Iowa Vol. Later, he became a doctor and moved to Adams County, Iowa.

MEET OUR OUTDOOR VOLUNTEER LANDSCAPER, SUSAN JOHNSON GRAESER



Susan Graeser is the volunteer who keeps our grounds free of weeds, tends to our landscape plantings and keeps the flower urns looking fresh and colorful. On occasion, she also will paint an outside door, care for our other outdoor structures, and work on inside displays and repairs. She also spent some time in the UNI library in Cedar Falls collecting rural school information for the Warren County rural schools book.

Susan came back to her hometown of Indianola in 2010 after living for 26 years in Sidney, Iowa. She is a widow with three daughters; Jennifer in Cedar Falls, Julianne in Boston and Jessica in Chicago. She has four grandchildren. Before she became an active retiree, her working life was spent as a homemaker and elementary school teacher.

Susan's sister, Toni Rath, is also a volunteer at WCHS and will show up in a later profile. They are the daughters of Byron and Dorothy Johnson from Linn and Greenfield townships, respectively. Many of us remember Dorothy as a first grade teacher at Hawthorne Elementary School. The sisters have a brother, Keith, who lives in Osage and another brother, John, who died in 1974.

Susan moves pretty fast but you may be able to catch up with her and thank her for the work she does.

ALL WCHS VOLUNTEERS INVITED!



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Saturday, November 14th

6:00 pm

Please RSVP to 961-8085

Clip and mail to WCHS, Box 256, Indianola, IA 50125 or use PayPal at www.warren-county-history.org

2016 WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES

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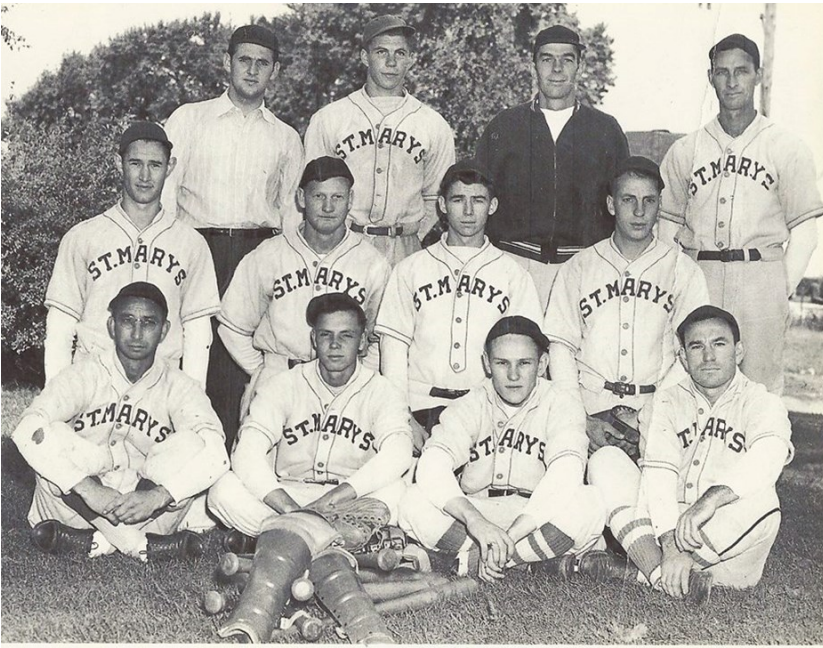
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Annual Dues: \$15.00

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BASEBALL IN ST. MARYS, IOWA

One of the St. Marys town teams. Back row, left to right, are Howard Sargent, Don Gavin, Bill Brentano and Harry Brommel. Middle row, left to right: Max Clark, Leonard Jacobs, Joe McNeer and Lester "Doc" Gehringer. Front row, left to right: Tom Lippold, Merlin Sinn, George Hraha and Lowell Fuller.

John D. McNeer relates this story on page 16, **Looking Back, Memories and Images of St. Marys, Iowa** by Jo (Croat) Beck and Ellen (Croat) Celsi. Bill Brentano, St. Marys and Bob Feller, Van Meter played high school baseball in 1935 and 36. Town teams used to be big and if you were an exceptional player on the high school team you could move up to the town team. Both Bob Feller and Bill Brentano did this and played each other once in 1936 before Feller went to the Cleveland Indians. The teams were well matched and

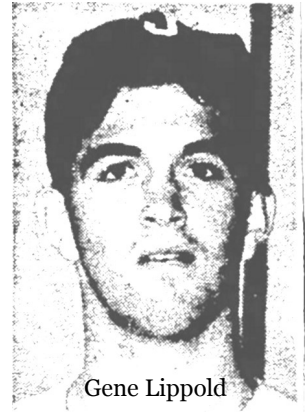
the score was 0 to 0 in the 9th inning, when a fly ball was hit into left field and the blinding sun prevented a fair catch. Van Meter won 1 to nothing. Bob Feller headed to Cleveland, Ohio right after this game.

Bill developed into a good pitcher and could play most any position. He was tall, well built and loved the game. He played on the town team for at least 15 years but never fired a pitch of 106.5 mph, which was Bob Feller's record.

Janesville Dailey Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin, June 22, 1953

Gene Lippold, a right handed pitcher graduated from St. Marys in 1953. On Father's Day, June 22, 1953, as a special Father's Day gift to his dad, who was in Janesville, Wisconsin from St. Marys, Iowa to see Gene, big rookie right handed pitcher, who will not celebrate his 19th birthday until December 29, pitched the Janesville Cubs to a 7-1 victory over the Sheboygan Indians at the Fairgrounds Sunday night. The pitcher's mother, his two brothers and sister also were here for the game.

Lippold, a slow and deliberate worker who refused to be hurried by Manager Joe Hauser of the Indians, was touched for only three hits. He did not allow a knock until John McDermitt led off the 8th inning with a clean single between the 3rd and 2nd bases. Final score 4-0.



Gene Lippold



Gregory Melvin Lippold (photo below), was born August 28, 1917 to Theodore and Elizabeth (Limke) Lippold. His wife was Marilyn Bernadine Winterrowd. He died October 23, 2007. He graduated from St. Marys High School in 1935.

He was a right handed pitcher and his Debut Player Year according to the Iowa Pro Baseball Website was **Theo & Lizzie Lippold House**. Back row: Garfield Nine, Ed Gehringer, Herman Limke, Theo Lippold, Otto Limke, Bill Croat, Louie Gehringer, John Limke, IJ Gehringer, Frank Gehringer, Joe Schulte. Middle row: Lizzie Lippold, Mayme, Limke, Itrene Lippold, Frances Schute, Annie Croat, Lela Nine, Leona Croat, Chris Limke, Front: Mary Schulte Carpenter, Magdaline Lime McNeer, Mildred Nine McNeer, Addie Gehringer, Caroline Limke, Lizzie Limke Lippold, Greg Lippold, Laura Limke, Bill Lippold.