

HUXLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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~ We Need You ~

2019 Calendar:

*Meetings are the 4th
Monday of the month
at 6:00 pm in the city
Council Chambers*

"The Hub" museum is
located at **515 N. Main** in the
3C's building.

Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 - 10:30 am

or call Nels to set up a visit
515-231-9174

Nord's Notes

~ A word from our president ~

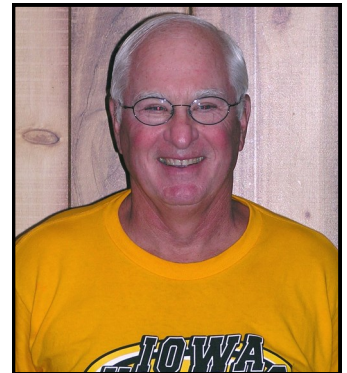
Old Log Cabins

I remember as a kid when my three brothers and sister would ride our horses all over the countryside around Huxley. The two places I remember most were the Col and Matilda Douglas home just north of Huxley on Timberlane Drive where Matilda was born in a log cabin in 1887. Matilda Etenson was the daughter of Austin Etenson and Margaret Eide, both Norwegian immigrants who settled on a 20 acre tract of land, where my home is now on Parkwood Circle. The stone log cabin still exists with a home built around it on Timberlane Dr. The Douglas' were really nice people and we could always be welcomed there to get a drink of water on a hot summer day.

The other home was the Maggie Sharp home about two miles northeast of Huxley. Maggie's pioneer grandfather, Andrew Bard, built the log cabin in 1854.

The log house, approximately 16x20 in size, was built in September, 1854, by the Andrew Bard family who came from Iowa from Indiana. Five or six other families also were a part of that wagon train.

The Bards settled on the last land available for homesteading in the locality since surrounding territory had already been claimed by earlier settlers. Many of the first settlers were Norwegians who came to Story and Polk counties between 1848 and 1855.



Douglas home as it sits today
on Timberlane Dr. in Huxley



Col and Matilda Douglas
1940

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MISSION STATEMENT : *To engage the Community of Huxley, Iowa in the preservation, education, and celebration of our heritage and ancestry. To preserve for research and education, the artifacts, information, and verbal histories about the lives of the people of Huxley from its pioneer origins to the present day and into our future.*

2018 Year of Events Recap

Events for the year 2018:

Late 2017—pump for the boiler quit at The Maland Home. The home was without heat for nearly a week. Total repair costs, for both the pump replacement and repairs to the home was \$2,500.00.

April—HHS hosted the Spring Story County Historical Alliance meeting. 11 of the 13 museums were present with 30 representatives in attendance, and 2 Story County Board of Supervisors.

April—Annual meeting was held in April with a video presentation shown afterwards. Video was of events and people from 1939 to 1955.

April—*The Maland Home Committee hosted a pancake breakfast and bake sale fundraiser at the Nord-Kalsem Park Shelter.

May— Huxley City Council approved the use of a portion of the Nord-Kalsem Shelter for additional displays. At this time our primary goal is display military photos and artifacts; as well as artifacts and photos from the Huxley Horse Show days.

June - August—Koffee & Kringla on the Porch at The Maland Home. Six dates were offered: 3 for men and 3 for women. Much fun and laughter was had on the porch.

Two open houses were held at The Maland Home – July 15th and August 19th.

September— a “Sunday Sundae” event was held at the Maland Home.

October—on Oct 25th Arlene Bates gave her Apron presentation at the Maland Home.

November—The Maland Home Committee held a Pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Nord-Kalsem Shelter.

HHS mailed 4 newsletters to its members

*The Maland Home Committee comprises of volunteers who organize events and fundraisers to help off set the cost of running and maintaining The Maland Home. Volunteer hours for 2018: **240 hours!**

The committee members serving in 2018 are: Celeste Allen, Diane Cronk, Nancy Fausch, Lori Hill, Julie Huxford, Darlene Kalsem, Helen Kepler, Jolene Lettow, Donna Millang, Delila Roberts, Jean Saveraid, Susie Schaudt, Linda Sharpnack, Janet Stoll, & Jeannie Williams.

The Huxley Historical Society is very grateful for all the contributions given this year. Thank You!!

Dean & Daphne Anderson
David & Angela Anderson
Richard & Beverly Anderson
Mike & Carolyn Carpenter
Brett Dobbe
Donald & Judy Fausch
John & Marilyn Greene
Ralph & Joan Johnson
Rollin Jordan
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Mary Lande
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Paul & Deana Larson
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Virginia Lee
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Roger & Debra Moore
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Cemetery*
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Scott & Victoria Stiner
Gerry & Janet Stoll
David & Verda Tesdall
Larry & Kay Thompson
Ron & Colleen Twedt
Peggy Wilson
Also:
Fareway of Huxley
Palestine Township—c/o Ballard Cemetery
Story County Board of Supervisors
The Tri-County Times

Thank You to all HHS members of 2018!

~ Huxley Historical Society Lifetime members ~

William & Susan Allen
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Harriet Sheldahl
* Richard & Sandra Sydnese
Arlene Wee

* New 2018 Lifetime Memberships

~ Huxley Historical Society Annual members ~

Dean & Daphne Anderson
Mary Lou Berhow
Mike & Carolyn Carpenter
Carolyn Carr
Barbara DeJong
Karen Dunn
Mark & Sharyn Erickson
Larry & Mary Erickson
Donald & Judy Fausch
Dr. Kent Freeland
Mark & Diane Freeland
John & Marilyn Greene
David & Mary Halverson
Richard & Esther Johnsen
Dan & Sonja Johnson
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Nero & Linda Lantz
Mike Larson
Ruth Larson
Kenneth & Louise Larson
Leona Larson
Jolene Lettow
Mike & Becky Long
Judy McKinney
Lyle & Pat Martin
John & Sue Meeker
Dennis & Donna Millang
Roger & Debra Moore
Richard & Chris Nelson
Mark & Wanda Nord
Louise O'Donnell
Elizabeth Munn Poletti
Joan Richardson
Don & Cathy Rimathe

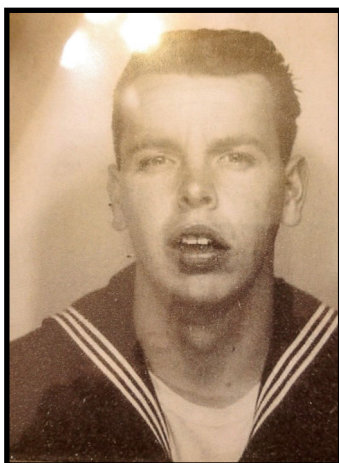
David Risvold
Steve Rye
David Ryerson
David & Jean Saveraid
Katherine Saveraid
Mark & Susan Schaudt
Beverly Shaeffer
Tom & Linda Sharpnack
Archie & Nancy Sheehy
Dennis & Karen
Soderstrum June Squire
Gordon Steel
David & Joan Stensland
Gerry & Janet Stoll
Brian & DeAnn Thompson
Gary & Janet Thompson
Roger & Judie Weyer
Ernie & Gloria Wilkening
Peggy Wilson
Carrie Witt

HHS has lost one of our members this year ~ Elizabeth Poletti

Farvel vår venn! (Goodbye our friends)



Richard D. Anderson
U.S. Air Force



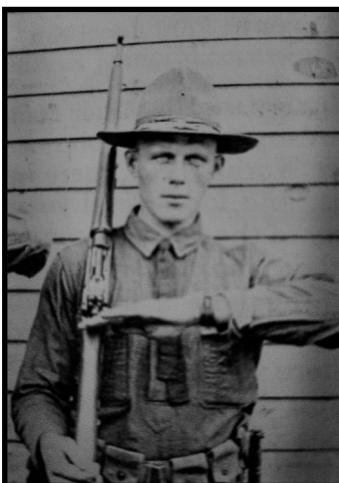
Ken Bauge
U.S. Navy



Orval Byrd
U.S. Army



John J. Carmody
U.S. Army



Sanford Dobbe
U.S. Army



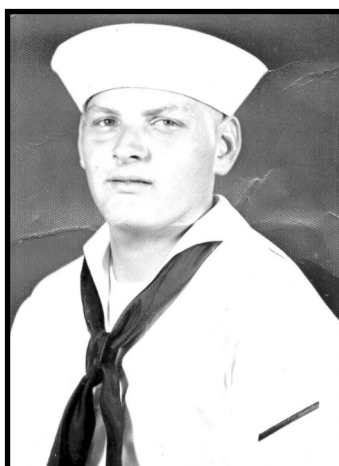
Chris L. Douglas
U.S. Navy



Kent Freeland
U.S. Army



Arlo Heggen
U.S. Coast Guard



Dick Lande
U.S. Navy



Steven Lande
U.S. Navy



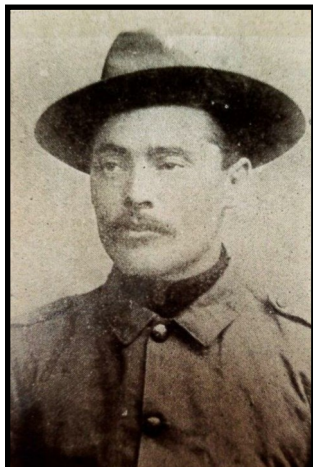
Robert M. Larson
U.S. Navy



Sheldon Lee
U.S. Air Force



Obert Ryerson
U.S. Air Corps



O.J. Severeid
Spanish American War



John Sydnos
U.S. Army



Stanley Sydnos
U.S. Army



Duane Taylor
U.S. Air Force



Andrew Twedt
U.S. Navy

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military photos have been
donated to the Huxley Historical
Society since the Spring 2018
HHS newsletter

~Thank You Thank You Thank You~



Returning vets honored ... Two more area servicemen
returning home from serving in Operation Desert Storm were honored
by the VFW Post 5459 Auxiliary.

From left to right: Gary Williams, Lenora Sayre, Bill Reed,
Derek Nord, Daisy Fjeland, Wes Wiersen, Rowena Nord, and Nels Nord.
The Tri-County Times, July 4, 1991

“ The Hub “

Historical Society Museum located inside the 3C's building at 515 N Main Ave



6 years ago, January 2013, the Huxley Historical Society museum “The Hub” officially opened to the public.

The City of Huxley graciously gave space in the 3C's building so that donated artifacts could be shared with the public. And, for 6 years, Nels Nord, has been there to greet all who has wandered through the door.



Although we jest that our museum is the smallest in Story County, it is full of history! From class pictures of the high school graduating classes from 1922-1956, church records, cemetery records, local family genealogy pages, books written about the Norwegian people and heritage of Huxley, year books from 1947-1956, and the Huxley High school newspaper, “The Huxonian” from 1923-1950.

We also have to offer newsletters from other Story County historical societies, as well as the Story County Genealogy Society, The State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries, and the Jefferson Highway Society. We have on-line subscriptions to Ancestry.com and Newspapers.com and we are able to assist in looking up family history. And, we have magazine subscriptions to the Iowa History Journal and The Iowan.

Nels fills many hats for the Historical Society, he's our local historian, researcher, and has been our president since the Historical Society began in 2005. He donates over 500 volunteer hours a year!

Our town is full of treasures from the past, and some of them are stored in our little room. So, if you haven't met Nels, or signed our guest book, please stop in! You can usually find Nels in The Hub Monday - Friday from 8:30-10:30am. Or, call Nels anytime for a private tour, 515-231-9174.



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Following the Bard's arrival in September, 1854, the log house was erected for the cold winter months just ahead. The neighbors all pitched in to help them build their log house.

The roof was originally made of clapboards and logs of the cabin were chinked with a rough blue clay. Six panes of glass were in each part of the two section windows.

The fireplace filled a portion of one wall. The family's cooking was done there. During the first winter the house had no flooring. The next year, logs were sliced into planks at a saw mill at Swede Point (now Madrid) and a wooden floor was made to cover the dirt floors.



The Andrew Bards made their home in the log house for as long as they lived, and following their deaths in 1901, Maggie Sharp's parents, Hardman and Isabelle Sharp, bought the property.

In about 1904, a two story addition was added to the log house. Following the death of her parents in 1929 and 1932, the property became Maggie's as she was the only heir.

Margaret "Maggie" Sharp was born in the log cabin northeast of Huxley, on November 22, 1888 and died in May of 1981. She is buried in the Carlisle Cemetery in Warren County, Iowa.

Both the Douglas and the Bard homes were about a mile from the first settlers in Story County.

Dan and Morman Ballard, the first settlers, moved on to the land they purchased March 8, 1848, on the east side of Palestine Township,



Maggie



*Maggie with her cousins Fred & Ester Breezley.
Maggie is in the middle.*

which was about 1/2 mile east of the Huxley maintenance building on Oak Blvd. They gave their name to Ballard Grove and Ballard Creek, which is why so many things are named Ballard, including the Ballard Consolidated School.

Both of the Ballard's built a log house, 14x16 feet, with floors and doors made of heavy slab timbers.

Dan Ballard, to help fix the date of his arrival, claims to have gone to Des Moines that year to cast his vote in the presidential election of 1848 when Zachary Taylor was elected.

Nels A. Nord
President, Huxley Historical Society

If you have stories and photos you would like to share, please send them to the Huxley Historical Society.

You can either send them by email to hhs@huxcomm.net or by mail to HHS, 515 N Main St, Huxley, IA 50124

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**WINTER 2019
HHS NEWSLETTER**

2019 Membership Form—Clip or Copy and Mail

Name _____

Address _____

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2019 Annual Membership \$ 20.00

Lifetime Membership \$ 500.00

HHS donation \$ _____

Maland Home donation \$ _____

The Fjord recipe booklet \$ 5.00

S&H for booklet \$ 2.00

2nd ed. DVD / 1939-1955 events \$ 20.00

S&H for DVD \$ 2.50

Total \$ _____

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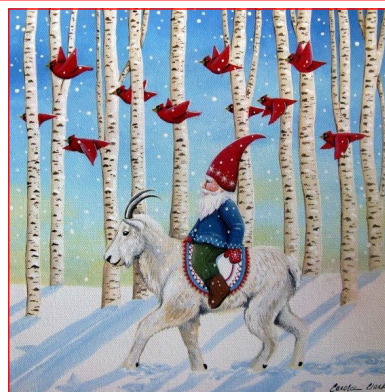
******* SAVE THE DATE *******

Huxley Historical Society - Annual meeting

Nord-Kalsem Shelter 204 W 4th St

Monday - April 22 - 6pm

Refreshments will be served



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