



PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, April 28th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., the **Plymouth Historical Society** will have an **OPEN HOUSE**.

- The guest speaker will be Millie Gershone (Minnesota's own *Campanologist*) lecturing on "*The History of Bells*". She is an avid collector with over 1,000 bells.
- The schedule is as follows:
 - Short Business Meeting at 1:45 with election for new Board of Directors
 - Millie Gershone's presentation at 2:00
- The museum will be open and refreshments served.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following is the present Board of Directors:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Term</u>
Vern Doseth	559-3777	1989-1992
Myrtle Eckes	545-6168	1990-1993
Edith Hopperstad	473-3427	1990-1993
Bea Jordan	Unlisted	1989-1992
Jack Malmstedt	473-4493	1990-1993
Joyce McCoughey	544-2656	1990-1993
Vern Peterson	559-2317	1989-1992
Dick Pouliot	569-9275	1990-1993
Gary Schiebe	473-4889	1990-1993
Harvey Schiebe	545-6127	1990-1993
Adeline Schmidt	559-2459	1988-1991
Mable Swanson	545-7705	1988-1991

We need you -- there are three openings * on the Plymouth Historical Society Board of Directors (presently there is 12 with 15 total). No special qualifications are required, We welcome anybody that has an interest in the history of Plymouth. Please call Gary Schiebe at 473-4889.

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MAILING AND MEMBERSHIP LIST

All of the people who have previously signed our guest book have been added to the mailing list. You will have to pardon us if we didn't get your name or address exactly correct. If you have any additions or corrections, please call Gary Schiebe at 473-4889.

If anyone would like to become a member of the Plymouth Historical Society, please complete the attached 1991 membership form or feel free to call Jack or Mary Malmstedt at 473-4493. The annual dues are: Individual \$5.00, family \$7.50 and Lifetime \$100.00.

MUSEUM DONATIONS

Donations

- Wooden coat rack with metal hooks, Circa early 1900
- Cornhusking Pins, worn on the husker's hands to remove corn husks from stock at harvest time, Circa early 1900's.
- The collection of letters, lists and notes of the days while the founders of the Society were planning and forming the Plymouth Historical Society, Circa 1975-1976 through the 1980's.
- Portrait in frame on separate easel. Both photo frame and easel in white and gilt. Portrait is of the children (Eliza, Emma, Albert and Henry) of Gustav and Wilhemia Schiebe, grandparents of the donor - Harvey Schiebe, circa. early 1900.
- 100 Plymouth Township Road Overseer's Land Tax Record Passbooks for the year 1897 through 1901, with each land owner listed and the taxes recorded for same. Also the names of Town Clerks and Overseers were listed. The taxes collected were for upkeep and repair of roads bordering owner's land.
- White cotton ladies brassieres (or corset covers) with lace trim and cord ties in back, handmade by donor's grandmother, Grace Monette in 1890. Sears Roebuck Catalog, Circa 1902 lists such items at 19 and 27 cents.
- Old washing machine with copper tub made by the Judd Laundry Machine Co., Circa early 1900's-1940. It was a gasoline powered machine but later converted to electric power.
- Black and white postcard photo of Ed Sandhoff and some friends, Circa early 1900's. Ed was a former Plymouth Township Town Constable.
- Contact Barb Rasmussen, 553-8444, if you would like to make a donation.

Donated by:

Anna Roggemann

Mrs. Francis Bauer

Florence Kardong

Harvey and Fern Schiebe

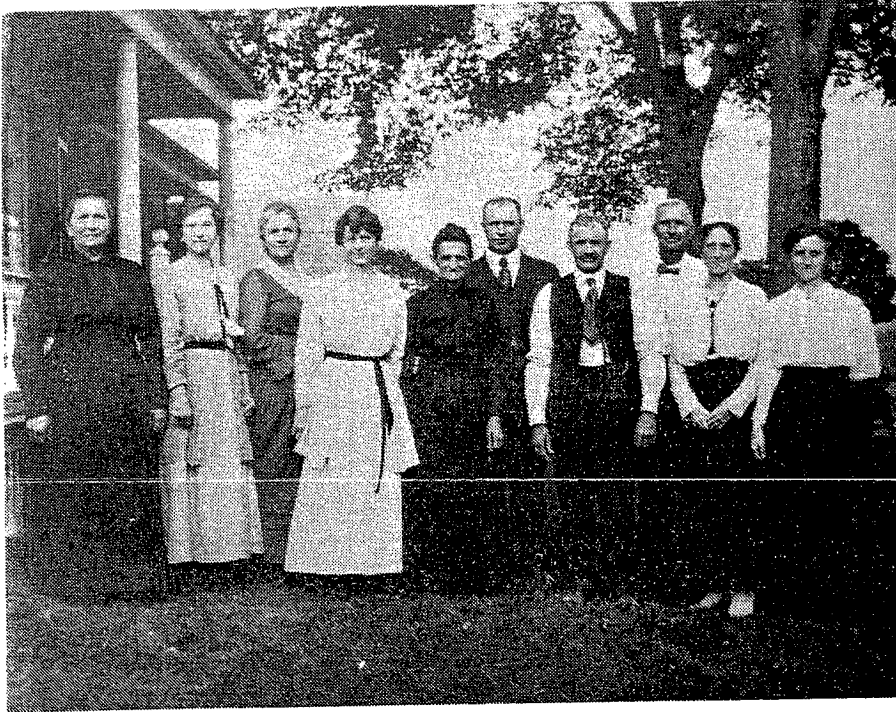
City of Plymouth

Joyce McCoughey

Eailor R. Melberg

FAMILY HISTORIES

The Plymouth Historical Society has quite a few family histories on file. We welcome people to come and look at them, which may help you trace family roots. The following is a copy of one of the histories on file:



The family of Frederick and Christina Radintz. Left to right: Ella, Tena, Bertha, Mary, Hannah, Henry, Herman, George, Lena and Elizabeth.

FREDERICK RADINTZ

Frederick Radintz was born in Prussia, June 29, 1828. At the age of 18 he became a shepherd. It was in the year of 1852 when he was 24 that he decided to sail to America, the land of plenty. His reasons were like the other early pioneers -- to escape poverty and have adventure.

After six weeks on the ocean in a sail boat, he landed in New York. From there he traveled to northern Michigan to work in the copper mines. After a year of mining, he decided to go to Australia. When he got as far as Buffalo, New York, he heard there was yellow fever raging on the boats. Upon hearing this he decided to return to the mines for another year, which he proceeded to do. After that, he went to Chicago and worked as a laborer on some construction work. One of the workers on the job became ill with cholera and died. The man's widow could not find anyone to put her husband in his coffin, so he volunteered. He received 50 cents for the job and then purchased a pint of whiskey which he shared with a couple of other men. Cholera was on the rampage in Chicago at that time and since it was contagious to the utmost, Frederick Radintz was ordered out of the hotel to sleep in the barn as he had been in direct contact with the disease. He did feel ill for a few days but recovered and left Chicago for Galena, Il.

From Galena he took a boat up to St. Anthony where he worked in a shingle mill the first winter and later, dug wells. It was in 1854 that he arrived in Plymouth Township to build a little log house which he referred to as his shanty. This land on which the shanty was situated was preempted by him November 24, 1860, consisting of two parcels of land, first the E 1/2 of SE 1/2 and Lot #3 of Section 30 and on the same date, lot #4 of the same

section. The first parcel contained 128.60 acres and the second 39.98 acres. It was obtained on a Warrant of 1855, which permitted settlers to obtain land west of the Mississippi River. This land had formerly belonged to the Fort Snelling Reservation. The buying price was \$1.25 per acre as was required by law. According to government laws, no one could preempt more than 160 acres. As his land exceeded that amount, he had to relinquish Government lot #4 and his brother Ferdinand took up that portion. His brothers William and Herman and a sister, Mary, had recently come from Germany. Evidently, Ferdinand had either come with Frederick or later.

Frederick married Christina Schnable in 1857. She was born in Baden, Germany in 1833. Her parents died when she was a very young girl so she made her home with an aunt and uncle. In her later teens, she got the notion of migrating to America. Her plea was that she wanted to go where her children could always have plenty to eat. Her aunt and uncle listened until she was 19, when they gave her passage money and she left. She arrived in New York in the early 1850's and went directly to Ohio where she stayed with friends for awhile and then journeyed to Iowa where she worked a few months.

From Iowa she went to Galena, Illinois and took the boat up to St. Anthony. There, she secured a job doing house work for Major Fridley and stayed until she married, two years later. For her wedding present, Major Fridley gave her her wedding dress and a cow; so she and her husband could start farming with a total of three cows.

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When Frederick and his bride arrived at his preempted farm in Plymouth, the small cabin served them as a home until the family grew and he prospered, so a larger log house was built in 1872. The original structure still is a part of the old Radintz home, which has been sold and remodeled for the present owner. Frederick also bought additional land.

The first log house was made of natural logs. The shingles were hand made by himself. Their light was a candle which always remained lighted throughout the night. This was to guide lost travelers or a neighbor.

The Indians were quite numerous but not troublesome. A tribe camped at Gleason's Lake in about 1855. After the Sioux and Chippewa war at the Minnesota River near Shakopee, the Chippewa's came through the territory and one band stopped at Frederick's house and stole all the bread from the oven.

They had 14 children born to them. They are as follows: Hannah was the eldest. She stayed principally at home. After her parent's death, she made her home with her younger brother, Henry, on the old home place. She did not marry.

George went west for a few years but returned and took up one of the father's farms, consisting of 142 acres. He later sold it and made his home with his younger brother, Henry, on the home place. Both George and Hannah were laid to rest in Holy Name Cemetery in Medina Township.

Ella married Charles Haeg, a farmer in Bloomington, Minnesota. They had four children, Sophie, who married George Paul, Violet, who married Edward Kramer, and Christine and Nina, who dies in youth. Ella was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Bertha married George Vierling, a cigar maker in Shakopee, Minnesota. They had two children, George and Stacy, both deceased. Bertha was laid to rest in the Catholic Cemetery in Shakopee, Minnesota.

Herman married Amelia Klausman of Plymouth Township. They lived principally in north Minneapolis. He worked in a grocery store for many years. This couple had one son, Arthur. Arthur married Ethel Hinds. They had one child, Roland. Herman died in June 1951 and was laid to rest in Crystal Lake Cemetery in north Minneapolis.

Emma died at the age of 23. She did not marry.

Fred died at an early age. Both Emma and Fred are buried in Holy Name Cemetery, Medina.

Tena married William King from Germany. They lived in north Minneapolis. He was a brick layer by trade. They had one child, Howard, who now resides in Glendale, California. Tena was laid to rest in Crystal Lake Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Elizabeth married Charles Auge of Minneapolis. He worked for the railroad. They had one child, Clarence, now deceased. Elizabeth still resides (1954) in Minneapolis and is 83 years old.

Sophie died at an early age and was laid to rest in Holy Name Cemetery, Medina.

Henry married Antoinette (Nettie) Mengelkoch, a daughter of Clement Mengelkoch, another one of the first settlers of Plymouth Township. This family represents the first generation of two first settlers of the Township of Plymouth. They lived on the Frederick Radintz homestead and farmed until 1928 when Henry retired and moved to north Minneapolis. He and Antoinette are still living (1954), Henry being 80 years old. They had seven children as follows:

Helen married Frank Lenzen of Medina Township. She is now living in Long Beach, California. She had two children, Frank and Antoinette.

Earl and George died in their youth and were laid to rest in Holy Name Cemetery in Medina Township.

Ethel, a twin, married Robert Wilson of California. He died in service in 1943. In 1953, she married Robert Bailey of Minneapolis and is residing in Long Beach, California. They have no children.

Blanche, a twin, married Frank Edwards of Minneapolis, where they now reside. They have two children, Richard and Annette.

Mary married Kenneth Schiebe of Plymouth Township where they now reside. This union represents three first of Plymouth -- the Radintz, Mengelkoch and Schiebe families. They have two children, George and Marlene.

Katherine married W. Kent Corry of Cedar City, Utah. They reside in south Minneapolis. They have two children, Kathleen and Durrell.

Mary married Carl Keller. They made their home first in Minneapolis and later in Willow River, Minnesota. He was a dealer in horses and live stock. Their one child, Earle, is married and has four children.

Church was attended at Holy Name, Medina. The Radintz place was known for many kitchen dances. When the new grainery was built, they danced upstairs. These dances were mainly for the younger people. The older ones passed the time in visiting with each other. They discussed their work, their children and problems common to all.

Helping to carve a new nation out of the wilderness was surely a tremendous job, but they always remembered the bad conditions they had left in Europe and never at any time did Frederick Radintz and his wife wish themselves back in Europe. Frederick Radintz died at the age of 81 in 1910 and Christine passed away at the age of 73 in 1907. Both were laid to rest in Holy Name Cemetery, Medina, Minnesota.

Written by Mary Radintz Schiebe,
Granddaughter of Frederick Radintz 7-10-54

Note: The Radintz home today can be seen on County Road 6 west of Highway 101. It is located on the north side of County Road 6 across from the pond west of Messiah Methodist Church. It is the red house on the right when you turn into Imperial Hills.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1990
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GUEST SPEAKER

MILLIE GERSHONE
(Official Campanologist)

"THE HISTORY OF BELLS"

SCHEDULE

1:45 - BUSINESS MEETING
2:00 - GUEST SPEAKER

LOCATION: PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL BUILDING
3605 FERNBROOK LANE
PLYMOUTH, MN

MUSEUM OPEN - REFRESHMENTS SERVED



Millie Gershone is a bell collector extraordinaire - with over 1,000 bells in her collection. She will talk about the history of bells and display some of her collection. She has worked with the Hennepin County Historical Society and as she has said "Bells have played a most important part in history from cavemen times, oriental, religiously, town crier, colonial times, doorbells, typewriter bells and on and on." It should be a great program so please come and be informed and entertained!