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OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS IN PLYMOUTH



On Sunday, December 6th from 2-5 pm, the Plymouth Historical Society and the Plymouth Park & Recreation Department are co-sponsoring the Sixth Annual "OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS IN PLYMOUTH".

The purpose of the event is to provide some old fashioned Christmas spirit and activities for families in Plymouth. Children can visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be right there to help the Elves hand out candy canes. A sleigh/hay ride pulled by Belgian horses with bells jingling will be giving rides (\$.50 per person), hot cider and cookies will be provided, storyteller, carollers and making Christmas decorations are other activities for the children.

On Saturday, December 5th, starting at 9 am, we will decorate the two old fashioned Christmas trees and building. We are looking for help in decorating and bringing items that could be borrowed for the day to add some more old fashioned Christmas spirit.

They can be items as follows:

- Old fashioned antique ornaments
- Old fashioned toys to put under the tree
- Poinsettias
- Evergreen roping

If you can help or bring decorations, please call Myrtle Eckes, 545-6168 or Gary Schiebe, 473-4889.

Attached is a flyer describing the event so bring your friends, relatives, neighbors and kids ages 9 months to 90 years young. We had a great time last year and this year it will be even better.

Carriage House

A big thank you is expressed to Ben Broman and Vern Doseth for the wonderful work they did in putting up oak moulding and pegs on the walls for displaying artifacts. It looks great and when you stop in, you will agree it is a big improvement. Ben and Vern -- Thanks Again!

We thought you might be interested in some of the specific volunteers and businesses involved to help the Plymouth Park & Recreation Department and the Plymouth Historical Society put on this event.

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| Santa | - | Phil Collins |
| Mrs. Claus | - | Mable Swanson |
| Elves | - | Girl Scout Troop |
| Storyteller | - | Bob Gasch |
| Singers | - | Armstrong Chamber Singers |
| Hay Ride | - | Bunker Hill Stables |
| Cutter | - | Bob Paylor |
| Wreaths, Trees & Garland | - | Dundee Nursery |
| Candy Canes | - | Tad Jude |
| Cider | - | New Market - Cub |
| Cookies | - | Plymouth Historical Society |

Spring Event



Even though the snow has just started flying, it's not too early to mark our *Second Annual Flower Sale* on your '93 calendar which is planned for early May.

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If anyone would like to become a member of the Plymouth Historical Society, please call Alberta Casey, 559-9366. The annual dues are: Individual \$5.00, Family \$7.50 and Lifetime \$100.00.

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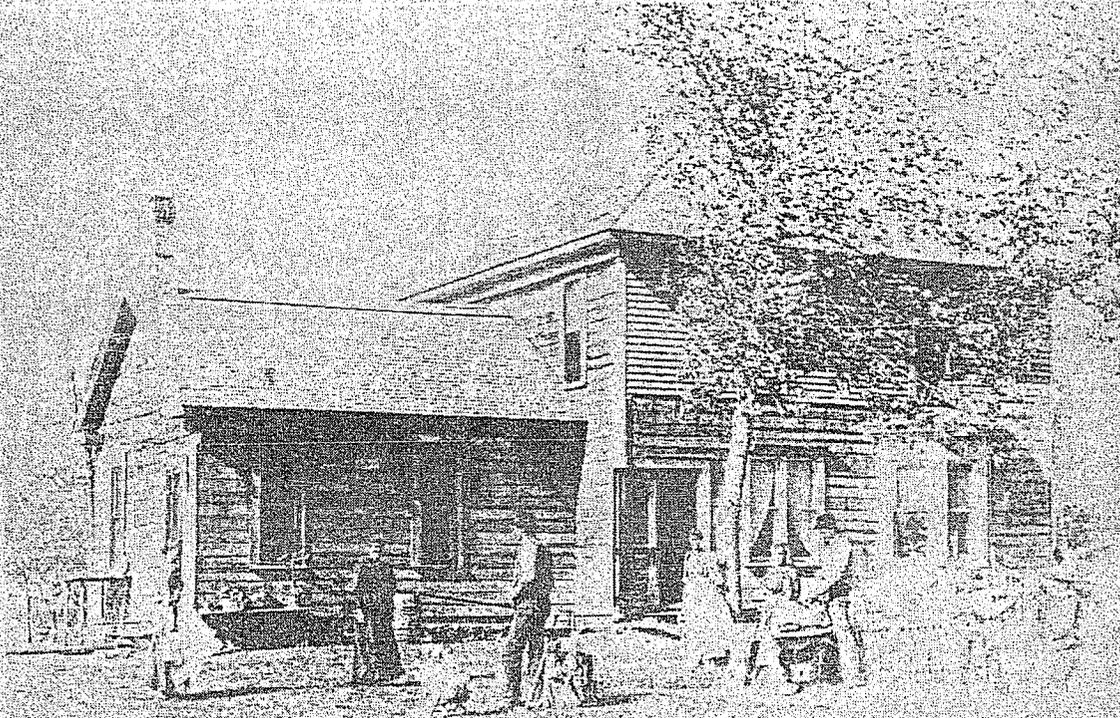
All of the people who have previously signed our guest book have been added to the mailing list. You will have to pardon us if we didn't get your name or address exactly correct. If you have any additions or corrections, please call Gary Schiebe at 473-4889.

President	Gary Schiebe	473-4889
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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 Day Family



Joseph Day Farm Home
(Was located at Highway 55 and Fernbrook Lane)

Francis Day, born August 22, 1831, came from Maine in the early 1850's. He pre-empted 160 acres of Section 15 S.W. 1/4 on November 22, 1860.

The first meeting for the purpose of forming a town board was held at the home of Francis Day on May 11, 1858. At this meeting he was elected as the first assessor of Plymouth Township. It was decided also at this meeting that the name of the township would be Plymouth -- taken from the name of a village laid out on the northwest shore of Parkers Lake in 1856.

Nathaniel Day Sr., father of Francis, arrived at Plymouth

Township, with his wife and some of his family, in 1865 and settled on a corner of the Francis Day farm. Nathaniel Day Sr. was born in Maine in 1807 and married Eunice Boober on December 5, 1830 by Stephen Snow Esq. Their family consisted of Francis, born August 22, 1831; Susan, born May 18, 1833; John, born December 5, 1834; Amos, born March 24, 1836; Cynthia, born January 20, 1838; Isabell, born October 13, 1839; Clementine, born February 16, 1843; Nathaniel Jr., born February 8, 1845; Eunice, born September 14, 1847; Joseph, born July 22, 1849; and Sarah, born June 9, 1851.

Nathaniel acted as Postmaster of Plymouth Post Office,

which was moved from Medicine Lake to his home in 1865. He died in the winter of 1867, leaving the care of his wife and family to the youngest son, Joseph, who was 17 years of age at that time.

Amos Day was a soldier in the Civil War. He was a prisoner in Libby Prison. Some very sad stories were told of the ill treatments to the soldiers. The prison had no roof and the soldiers were fed fat pork and water. Many died of starvation and exposure as did Amos.

Nathaniel Jr., when a young lad, went to war as a drummer boy. One day he was hit by a spent bullet right over the heart. His suspender buckle shielded him from injury. He lived for many years in Minneapolis working in the lumbering business. In later years he bought a home at Sandstone, Minnesota where he lived until his health started to fail. He passed away at his brother Joseph's home, on August 24, 1915.

Sarah Day married Edward Hughes in November 1871 in a double wedding ceremony with Joseph Day and Ellen Sarah Hughes, officiated by Rev. Charles Haskill, the first Pastor of Parkers Lake Church. Sarah and Edward Hughes spent their entire lives on the farm home now part of which is owned by a grandson, John Eastman (1953).

Joseph and his wife Ellen settled on the farm located south of the Perkinsville Road and east of the Town Hall Road--the Matt Roehl farm (1953). Seven children were born to them: John Amos, born May 11, 1872; Albert Warren, born August 15, 1873; Elmer Loren, born May 11, 1875; Elzada Bell, born May 17, 1877; Elizabeth Julia, born November 15, 1882; Frank Archie, born February 10, 1887; and West, who died in his youth, December 29, 1888.

Joseph worked on his farm and owned a steam thrasher with which he did harvesting for neighboring farmers. He also did carpentry -- being one of those who helped to build the Parkers Lake Church, which burned on November 15, 1947.

It was very interesting to hear him tell of the many hunting trips he took with his sons. They hunted deer, wolf, fox and other animals. Whenever the boys got together they would reminisce on the fun they had had. His wife, Ellen, was a great help to many neighbors, caring for sick and helping in many ways. She passed away April 13, 1918.

In March of 1919, Joseph sold his farm and with his daughter, Elizabeth, moved to Wayzata, where he lived with his other daughter, Mrs. G. L. Lamb, until his death on October 21, 1922. This is all that is known presently of the original family of Nathaniel Day.

John Amos Day, son of Joseph, spent his entire life in Plymouth Township. In January 1894, he married Mary Roehl. They made their home on a portion of the original 160 acres belonging to Mary's father, Nicholas Roehl, of which a part is now owned by Joe Etzel (1953). There were nine children born to them: Grace, born February 8, 1895; Helen, born October 22, 1896; Ernest, born November 2, 1898; Archie, born December 19, 1900; Earl, born November 22, 1902; Alice, born December 19, 1904; Nathaniel, born January 6, 1907; Emory, born January 12, 1909; and Florence, born April 23, 1912. Of these, Grace, Helen and Nathaniel still live in Plymouth. Earl lives in Wayzata and the rest live in the West. John married again in 1924 to Berniece Creelman. They had four sons: Larry, born August 23, 1925; Mardell, born May 8, 1928; Ralph, born December 19, 1929; and Norman, born September 1931. John died at the age of 68 on February 24, 1940. Some of Nathaniel Sr's. great, great, great grandchildren still live near the original home.

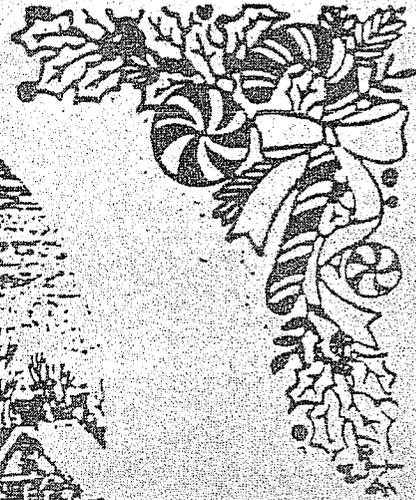
Albert W. Day married Eliza Jardine on October 25, 1898 at Parkers Lake Church and have lived in and around Wayzata ever since. They had five children: Janet, Elsie and Margaret, who live in Wayzata; Paul, who lives in California; and Percy who died young.

Elmer lived for a short time in Wayzata. He married Dora Schmitz and in the 1920's moved to International Falls. His children are West, Emely, Harvey, and Van. He passed away in May 1934.

Elzada (or Alice as most people know her) married G. L. Lamb and lived in Wayzata until recently when they moved to Hanover, Minnesota. Their children are Warren, Hazel, Elizabeth, Pearl, Arbie, Vern and Effie.

Elizabeth lived many years in Wayzata and now lives with her sister in Hanover. Frank also lived many years in and near Wayzata and now lives in Indiana. His children are Roy, Russell, John and Percy.

Written by Helen Gates
Circa. 1980

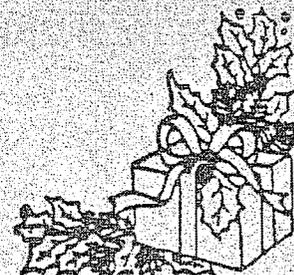
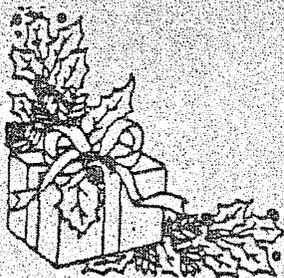


OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS IN PLYMOUTH

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 6th
2:00 - 5:00 PM

Plymouth Historical Society Building
Plymouth Creek Park
3605 Fernbrook Lane
Plymouth, MN

- VISIT WITH SANTA
- OLD FASHIONED SLEIGH-HAY RIDE
- HOT CIDER AND COOKIES
- SEE OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS TREES
- MAKE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
- STORYTELLER
- CAROLERS
- SEE OLD FASHIONED TOYS
- WOOD CARVER



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