



On Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm, the Plymouth Historical Society and the Plymouth Park & Recreation Department are co-sponsoring the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 hay ride pulled by Belgian horses with bells jingling will be giving rides (50 cents per person), hot cider and cookies will be provided, storyteller, carollers and making Christmas decorations are other activities for the children.

On Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

These can be items such as: old fashioned antique ornaments, old fashioned toys to put under the tree, poinsettias, etc.

If you can help to 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. The annual event has attracted large crowds with some families having a perfect attendance record with their children since it started in 1987. We had a great time last year and it will be even better this year!

*Activities include:*

*Visit with Santa*

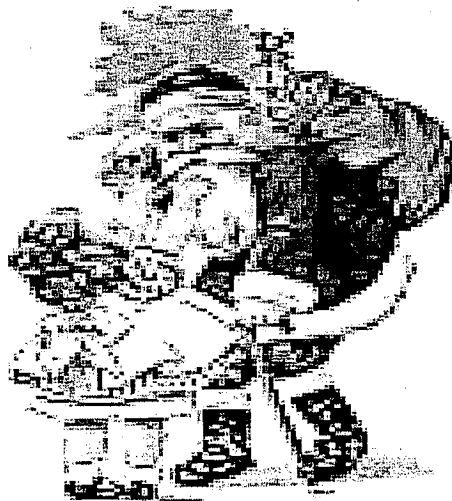
*Old Fashioned Hay Ride*

*Hot Cider and Cookies*

*Old Fashioned Xmas Decorations*

*Old Toy Train Display*

*Candy Canes*



*Dear Christmas Wishes*

*Wood Carver*

*Crafts*

*Story Teller*

*Music Groups  
Armstrong Chamber Singers*

*Messiah Recording*

*Fantasia Flutes*

*Piano Player*

Come one, come all to get into the holiday spirit!



## New Display Cases

Come and see the large-new display cases that were just purchased and installed. The display area is greatly expanded and improved. The purchases of the display cases were made possible by the generous donation of the Caliber Development Corporation here in Plymouth.

A big thanks to Mr. John M. Lavander, President, and all his employees.



## Handy Helper Needed

The Plymouth Historical Society is looking for a person that could provide Handy Helper type services. Simple tasks like hanging pictures, fixing items, arranging artifacts, moving shelves, etc. A few hours per week or every other week would be helpful. Contact Joe or Delores Morris at 535-8756.



## Officers

The following are the present officers:

President	Jim Garvey	559-3047
Vice President	Cork Ornborg	475-0930
Secretary	Mable Swanson	545-7705
Treasurer	Harvey Schiebe	545-6127



## Meetings

The monthly meetings are normally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Historical Society Building, located at 3605 Fernbrook Lane North, Plymouth, MN. In January and February the meetings will be held in the Plymouth City Hall.



## Old Toy Trains

Do you have any old Lionel or other toy trains? If you do, please contact Gary Schiebe, 612-473-4889.



## Mailing and Membership List

**Attention!!** See attached form for 1999 membership dues, please send in the form or if you have any questions, please call Alberta Casey, 559-9366.

The annual dues are:

Individual	\$7.50
Family	\$12.00
Individual Lifetime	\$100.00
Family Lifetime	\$150.00



## Board of Directors

The following is the present Board of Directors:

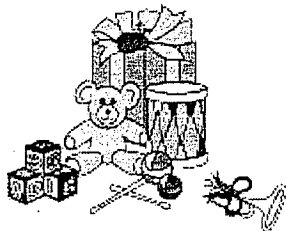
Kay Bertrand	559-5042	1997-2000
Ben G. Broman	559-5721	1997-2000
Alberta Casey	559-9366	1996-1999
Carol Creelman	545-9698	1996-1999
Vern Dotseth	559-3777	1995-1998
Myrtle Eckes	545-6168	1996-1999
Jim Garvey	559-3047	1997-2000
Joe Morris	535-8756	1996-1999
Joyce McCaughey	557-6948	1996-1999
Cork Ornborg	475-0930	1997-2000
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Gary Schiebe	473-4889	1996-1999
Harvey Schiebe	545-6127	1996-1999
Margerite Schiebe	541-7187	1997-2000
Mable Swanson	545-7705	1997-2000



## Donations

## Wanted

The Plymouth Historical Society is looking for:



- Old children toys for Christmas display
- Old doll house furniture and furnishings
- Candle holders to fit an old pump organ
- Wardrobe

The following articles have been donated to the Plymouth Historical Society:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Donated by</u>
Parkers Lake Cemetery Plot List	City of Plymouth
Picture of Mabel Parker and Friend In Canoe on Parkers Lake	Harriet Tanner Parker
Long White Dress with Crochet Trim	Western Hennepin County Pioneer Association Long Lake
Men's Button Shoes	Swapped for body Parts – mannequin
Hot Water Bottle and Men's Suspenders	Kay Bertrand
St. Mary's of the Lake Cemetery Plot List	St. Mary's of the Lake



## FAMILY HISTORIES

The Plymouth historical Society has quite a few family histories on file. We welcome people to come and look at them, that 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 sailboat, 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 that 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 ½ of SE ½ 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 housework 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.

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 large 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

and he made the shingles himself. Their light was a candle that 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 died 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.

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 bricklayer 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.

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

Mary married Kenneth Schiebe of Plymouth township where they now reside. This union represents three firsts of Plymouth – the Radintz, Mengelkoch and Schiebe families. They have two children, Kathleen and Durrell.

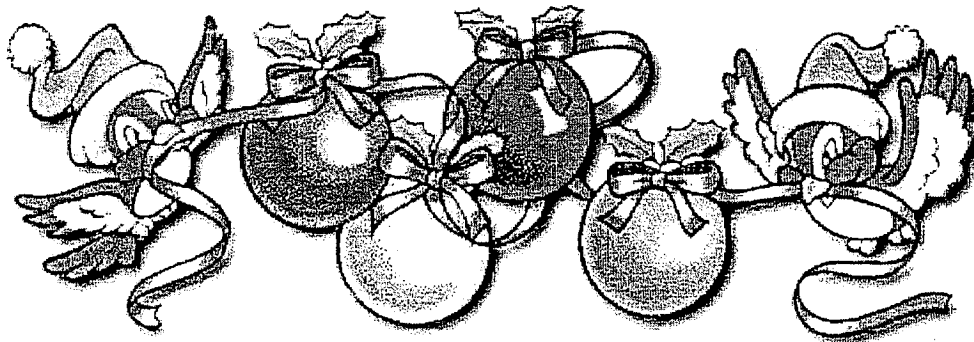
Mary married Carl Keller. They made their home first in Minneapolis and later in Willow River, Minnesota. He was a dealer in horses and livestock. Their one child, Earle, is married and has four children.

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.



**Merry  
Christmas**



## PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear Member:

This is a reminder that your 1999 Annual PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY Dues are payable by January 1.

We hope you enjoyed the meetings of our Society during the past year, and we thank you in advance for your continued membership and participation. All members and friends are invited to our regular meetings which are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Town Hall at 3605 Fernbrook Lane.

Please tear off the lower part of this sheet and send it with your check in the enclosed envelope. If you itemize deductions on your income tax forms, you may qualify for a deduction.

Yours truly,

Alberta Casey  
Memberships 559-9366  
1740 Larch Lane  
Plymouth, MN 55441

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in helping with:

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| Cataloging                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Preservation          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Collecting Art-facts        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Programs for meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Interviews for oral history | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Annual Dues:

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Guess who's coming to town?



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*in*

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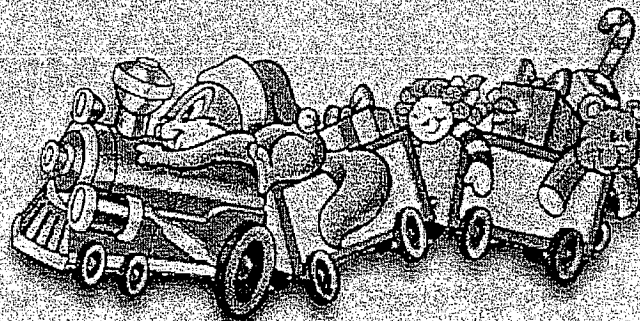
Plymouth Historical Society Building  
Plymouth Creek Park  
3605 Fernbrook Lane, Plymouth, Minnesota

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**Make Christmas Decorations**

**Old Fashioned  
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**Hot Cider and  
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**Toy Train Display**

**Storyteller**

**See Old Fashioned Christmas Tree**

**Music**