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### Old Fashioned Christmas

On Sunday, December 2nd from 2-5 pm, the Plymouth Historical Society and the Plymouth Park & Recreation Department are co-sponsoring the 15<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, carollers and making Christmas decorations are other activities for the children.

This year we have our great story teller back. Bob Gasch will be telling holiday stories, something you don't want to miss!

On Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 9 am, we will decorate the two old fashioned Christmas trees and the 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, 763-545-6168, or Gary Schiebe, 763-473-4889.

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 as we do every year!

*Activities include:*

*Visit with Santa*

*Old Fashioned Hay Ride*

*Hot Cider and Cookies*

*Old Fashioned Xmas Decorations*

*Old Toy Train Display*



*Wood Carver*

*Crafts*

*Story Telling by Bob Gasch*

*Music Groups  
Armstrong Chamber Singers*

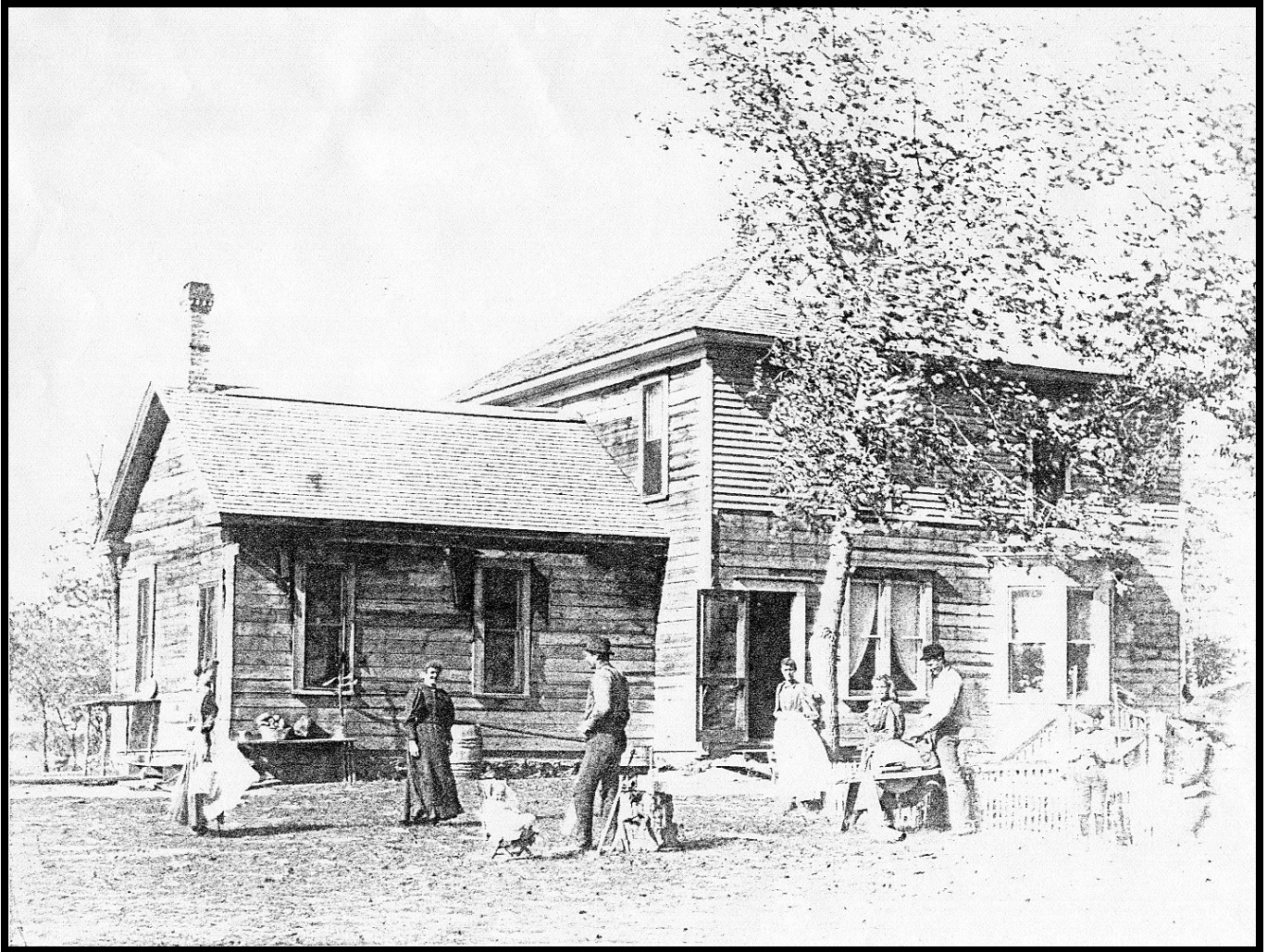
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## FAMILY HISTORIES

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 Pr5ison. 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. Mary 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 buckled 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; Elizada 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 Perey 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 of 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



## Current Officers

The following are the present officers:

President	Vern Petersen	763-559-2317
Vice President	Vern Doseth	763-559-3777
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## Meetings

The monthly meetings are normally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Historical Society Building, located at 3605 Fernbrook Lane North, Plymouth, MN.



## Wanted!

The Plymouth Historical Society is look for:

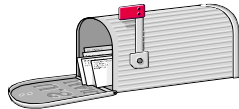
- Old pictures of the Plymouth area such as churches, homes, farms, people and events.
- Old children's toys for Christmas display.



## Old Toy Trains

Do you have any old Lionel or other toy trains? If you do, please contact Gary Schiebe, 763-473-4889

## Mailing and



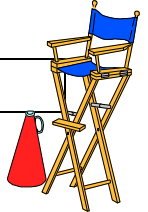
## Membership List

If you are not a member and want to sign up or if you have any questions, please call Alberta Casey, 763-559-9366.

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:

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*See you at the Old Fashioned Christmas*

