



PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2012

Winter

Old Fashioned Christmas

On Sunday, December 4th the Plymouth Historical Society and the Plymouth Park & Recreation held the 25th Old Fashioned Christmas in Plymouth. It drew record crowds and the highlight was not only Santa Claus but his Reindeer. Great photo opportunities for the families. Here are a few photos of the wonderful day.



Santa I've been a good boy



Is this Dancer or Prancer?



Daddy can we have another ride?



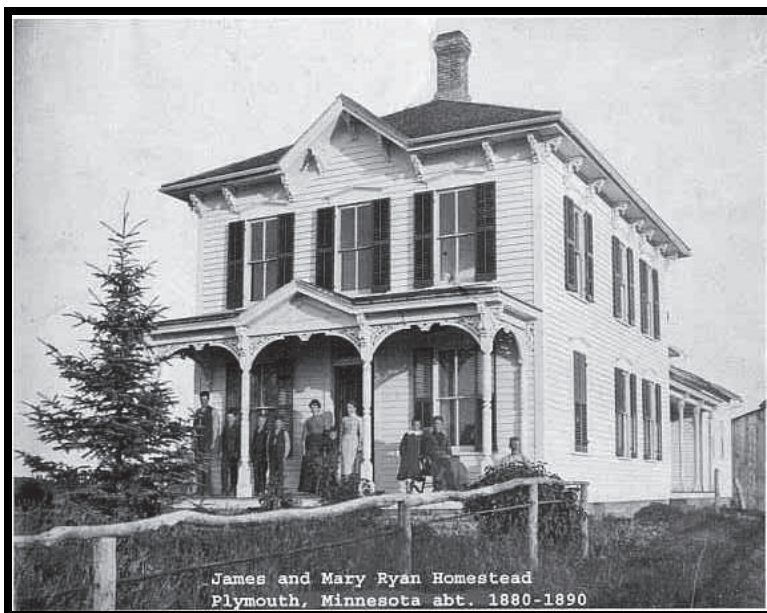
People were even arriving by train !



Elves – Y.E.S. Volunteers from Wayzata High School

Ryan Farm House

A 100 years in the march of time is reflected in a few pictures. The first one is a very stately farm house reflecting the prosperity of James and Mary Ryan’s homestead in the 1880 timeframe and later called the Condon Farm. The second picture is of a forlorn looking home with out its porch, shutters and ginger bread. It is about to be torn down and replaced with office and warehouses. This picture was taken in April 1980 by Dennis Jacobson, who is related to the Ryan’s. One hundred years was not kind to this wonderful country lady.





This panoramic view is taken from the oval framed hand colored picture shown below. The picture is dated 1913 on the back and reflects the style of photo taken by a traveling photographer. We don't know who the photographer was but there is another photograph of a farm farther east on the Wayzata road (as it was know back then) that has the same type of side view.

Back then Wayzata Road went east and west on the left side of the picture, later on called Cty Rd 7, then Cty Rd 15 and now Carlson Parkway. Today 494 goes north and south in the foreground of the picture and Carlson Parkway crosses 494 quite a bit farther north on the left hand side of the picture. Since the routing of the roads has change quite a bit the house would have been located south of the Holiday Station about where office/warehouses start.



**Original picture hangs in relatives home in Shakopee, MN
Protecting Our Treasures**

Over the past few years Gene Heezen has created and donated wonderful models of some of Plymouth's early buildings. They are a great asset to PHS which we use to illustrate living in early Plymouth. To ensure that the models are protected from little hands and dust so they will look as good many years from now as they do today we have a plan. It is to have acrylic covers custom made by Kreative Acrylics for all the models. As of today we have covers for five of our ten models and are looking to complete them for the following: St. Joseph's Church, Mt. Olivet Chapel, WigWam Inn, Ryan Farm House and Medicine Inn. The costs range from \$260 to \$360 for each custom cover to complete our project. As a result we wanted to ask if any of our supporters of the Plymouth Historical Society would like to donate money to complete a cover for one or all of the models? If you do contact any one of the PHS officers.



Example of acrylic cover

Website

The Plymouth Historical Society has a web site. The address is:

www.plymouthmnhistoricalsociety.com

Check us out!

Donations

\$250.00 PTA Wayzata Schools
 For hosting 2nd Graders

\$500/00 Plymouth Lions Club



Meetings

The monthly meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Historical Society Building, located at 3605 Fernbrook Lane North, Plymouth, MN. The Museum is also open the third Sunday of the month in the afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 PM during the Spring Summer and Fall. Open by special appointment in January, February & March.

Current Officers

The following are the present officers:

President	Ben Broman	763-559-5721
Vice President	Dennis Jacobson	763-972-0988
Secretary	Betty Jacobson	763-972-0988
Treasurer	Gary Schiebe	763-473-4889

Mailing and Membership List



Have you paid your annual dues?

If you are not a member and want to sign up or if you have any questions, please call: Kay Bertrand, 763-249-0138.

The 2012 annual dues are:

Individual	\$10.00
Family	\$15.00
Individual Lifetime	\$100.00
Family Lifetime	\$150.00

If you would like the newsletter delivered via E-mail please notify Kay Bertrand or send an e-mail to: info@plymouthmnhistoricalsociety.com

If you do, it is a plus for both of us. When you receive via e-mail it will be in color. When sent by mail it is in black and white and costs PHS about \$1.50 per copy to print and mail.