



PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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LET US SAVE SOME OF OUR PAST

This was the main theme when over 125 Plymouth residents met in the fall of 1975.

Landmarks which for years had served as reference points in the geography of Plymouth, were disappearing at an alarming rate.

Schiebe's store, country school house's, and countless numbers of pioneer homes were being replaced by Industrial and Residential expansion.

The people at this meeting were not opposed to the economic progress being made in Plymouth, but they were unanimous in the opinion that something from the past should be preserved.

This group dedicated themselves to the task of collecting and preserving historic items from Plymouth and to display them in a historic setting.

All of this resulted in the formation of the Plymouth Historical Society and the acquisition of the original Plymouth Town Hall which dates back to 1885. Plymouth residents are encouraged to think of this as part of their heritage, and to help by being a member of the Society to preserve Plymouth's history.

COMMEMORATIVE MUGS FOR SALE

The Plymouth Historical Society is offering a Mug for sale commemorating the City of Plymouth "Today and Yesterday". On one side of the cup is a drawing of the original Town Hall built in 1885 that still stands at 3605 Fernbrook Lane North and is the home of the Plymouth Historical Society. On the other side is a drawing of the new Plymouth City Center located 3500 Plymouth Blvd.

The purpose of the commemorative cup is to raise funds for the Historical Society and publicize Plymouth as a modern day community with a history that goes back to the mid-1800's. The cups are available at all the Bank's, City Hall and some retail stores in Plymouth for \$5.00 each.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Annual dues for the Plymouth Historical Society are \$5.00 for individual and \$7.50 for family memberships. For further information call 559-5632.

SOME EARLY FAMILIES IN PLYMOUTH

by: Alice H. Mellen

Just after statehood was declared in 1858, the Hennepin County board met to establish boundaries of congressional townships; 118-22 has become Plymouth. The organizers of the first township, however, were not pleased with this name and chose Medicine Lake, after the largest lake within the boundaries. The county board would not accept the change and the name reverted to Plymouth.

This was not the first community to be so named. In 1854, Daniel, Charles, and Alfred Parker settled around what was to be named Parkers Lake and established the "village" of Plymouth on the northwest corner of the lake. The village foundered when the sawmill built there was flooded out the following spring.

Only a year earlier, the first settlers had come to the area. They were Thomas Hughes, to Section 19 in the west-central portion, and Antoinne LeCompte, to Section 24 to the east of Medicine Lake. LeCompte was also the first native-born settler, having come from the east bank of the Red River.

MEETING LOCATION: 3605 Fernbrook Ln. N.
MEETING SCHEDULE: Public Welcome

May 25, 1983 Annual Meeting 7:30 p.m.
June 22, 1983 Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.
July 27, 1983 Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Births Plymouth Township 1870-1887

Mo.	Day	Yr.	Name	Sex	Race	Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Father's Occupation	Registered
4	6	1870	John Smith	m	w	Dennis & Susan	Ger.	farmer	5-31-1870
6	16	1870	Gaslin Dickey	m	w	Mike & Eliza	Nova Scotia	farmer	7-28-1870
9	5	1870	Susan Ernst	f	w	Jos. & Mary V	Ger.	farmer	9-15-1870
9	5	1870	Grown	m	w	Sam. & Henrietta	N.Car. & Wisc.	farmer	9-17-1870
9	7	1870	John Jordan	m	♀	John & Mary	Prussia	farmer	10-5-1870
11	11	1870	Missoux	m	♀	Israel & Harriet	Canada	farmer	11-28-1870
9	4	1870	Michael J Looby	m	w	David & Maria	Ireland	farmer	11-26-1870
9	23	1870	Jas. Ed. Mc Gowan	m	♀	Gregory & Mary A	Ireland	farmer	11-28-1870
5	11	1870	Peter Mengelkoch	m	w	Clement & Cath.	Prussia	farmer	12-1-1870
10	7	1870	Schmitz	f	w	Henry & Anna	Prussia	farmer	12-1-1870
14	1	1870	Louis S Gagna	m	w	Sturgis & Lauza	Canada	farmer	12-3-1870
14	17	1870	Eliz. Raddens	f	w	Frederick & Chrs.	Prussia	farmer	12-23-1870
1	21	1870	Salina Bousher	f	w	John & Disanges	Canada	farmer	12-23-1870
10	12	1870	Louis Merchant	m	w	Sam. & Adelia	Canada	farmer	12-23-1870
5	27	1870	Amelia Sandhoff	f	w	Wm. & Johanna	Prussia	farmer	12-23-1870
11	10	1870	Eberhart	m	w	Jacob & Frederika	Ger.	farmer	12-23-1870
1	30	1870	Sarah Begin	f	w	Jos. & Angela	Minnesota	farmer	12-23-1870
7	10	1870	Adeline Brunnelle	f	w	Leonard & Mary	Can. & Minn..	farmer	12-23-1870
12	7	1870	Rosa Begin	f	w	Jos. & Angela	Canada	farmer	12-23-1870
11	16	1870	Sandhoff	m	w	Aug. & Wilhemia	Prussia	farmer	12-23-1870
3	17	1870	John Mengelkoch	m	w	Jacob & Catherine	Prussia	farmer	12-26-1870
7	15	1870	Ellen Mc Gowan	f	w	Phillip & Mary	Ireland	farmer	12-26-1870
9	5	1870	Anna Ryan	f	w	James & Mary	Ireland	farmer	12-26-1870
6	12	1870	Dickey	f	w	Bayer & Barbary	Nova Scotia	farmer	12-26-1870
1	20	1870	Josephine Winnen	f	w	Peter & Anna	Ger. & Switzer	farmer	12-26-1870
3	2	1870	Henrietta Braden	f	w	Robt. & Eliz.	Nova Scotia	farmer	12-23-1870
10	3	1870	Minnie Parker	f	w	Israel & Sarah	Maine	farmer	12-23-1870
9	9	1870	Susan Rath	f	♀	Jacob & Catherine	Luxemberg	farmer	12-23-1870
12-23-	1870		Baker	f	w	Alexander & Cath.	N.Y. & Ger.	farmer	1-4-1871
12-29-	1870		Hughes	f	w	Henry & Mary	Eng. & Ohio	farmer	1-5-1870

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