



E. St. Julien Cox House • Fort Ridgely • Harkin Store

Traverse des Sioux • Treaty Site History Center

# 2015 Annual Report



photo by Bob Sandeen



# Our Mission



*The mission of the Nicollet County Historical Society shall be the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge about the history of Nicollet County and the State of Minnesota.*

## 65,861 Served in 2015\*

*Great stop along the scenic Minnesota River Valley. Come for the fascinating exhibits and leave with a great lesson learned. Really a great place for the whole family!*

~ Jeff Brand

The Nicollet County Historical Society has worked very hard during the 2015 year. We received multiple grant awards, including just over \$30,000 to hire someone to work on our three-dimensional collections. We received a grant to have a new website made and did some rebranding during this process, putting forward a fresh face for the coming year. We celebrated the grand opening of the new landscaping at the Treaty Site History Center and saw increased merchandise and admission sales at both the Harkin Store and Fort Ridgely.

Our outreach to both locals and those around the country increased in 2015, as well. Over 240,000 people heard monthly updates about NCHS on KNUJ radio out of New Ulm. An astonishing 1.2 million people viewed the Commemorating Controversy exhibit at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.\* We continue to be a leader in county historical societies within Minnesota and this increased outreach helps us keep that reputation.

The hard work that took place in 2015 also led us to be selected as one of six host communities in Minnesota for the Smithsonian's "Museums on Main Street" program. For six weeks in August and September of 2016 the Treaty Site History Center will host an exhibit called *Water/Ways*; providing over eight weeks of corresponding programming during that time. NCHS will also be creating a locally-focused exhibit about our water history. The time and effort our staff put into securing the chance to host this exhibit is impressive; we are looking forward to this opportunity.

Our mission is to discover, preserve and disseminate the history of Nicollet County. The hard work of 2015 is a tribute to the exciting things to come in the years ahead.



Counter-clockwise from top left:

NCHS unveiled its **new logo** late 2015!

NCHS received a Legacy grant to have its **3D collections inventoried and improved**.

The Cox House received all **new carpet** this spring after extensive water damage from the leaking roof.

The Harkin Store had its main **stairs replaced**.

This summer a **new sign** was installed on the Traverse des Sioux trails to indicate the location of the boat landing on the Minnesota River. Thank you to Garfield Eckberg for his help!"

NCHS had a great turnout of visitors to our booth at the **Nicollet County Fair** in August.



# Director's Report

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When my second year as the Executive Director of the Nicollet County Historical Society came to a close I felt very proud of this organization and those involved in it. Our staff, volunteers and board of directors are dedicated people who go above and beyond their expected duties. I could not lead this organization into 2016 without them, or you—our members and supporters. And for your support and friendship, I thank you.

2015 was a busy year. We were able to move past the challenges of the Highway 169 construction and the many building repairs that were needed in 2014. This year we turned our focus on increasing engagement, providing educational programs and on reworking exhibits and our museum spaces.

Museums are places to learn and connect with the past, and we work hard to provide new exhibits and opportunities for the public to experience. We are

excited to offer programs like the Documentary Film Series, Company B Encampments, prairie tours, and more. NCHS is also proud of the services we offer—genealogy research, archive and library assistance and more.

I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and support in 2015. I so appreciate your encouragement, your energy, and for continuing to welcome me to the Nicollet County Historical Society and this community.



Alyssa Auten  
Executive Director  
Nicollet County Historical Society



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NCHS Executive Director

*Very  
interesting  
place!  
We love  
taking the  
kids here!*

~ Heather  
Redinius Tollefson



# NCHS 2015 at a Glance



Clockwise from top left:

The Treaty Site History Center's **new landscaping** was celebrated at a grand opening ceremony and party in June.

The 2015 class of **Connecting Nicollet County** pays a visit to the District 6 schoolhouse to learn about its history and the work being done to restore the building.

St. Peter's youth **Volunteers in the Park (VIP)** program spent its second summer helping with the gardens at the Cox House and Treaty Site History Center.

NCHS board members spend a day at a **Board Retreat** in February prioritizing 2015 goals and planning for future years.

On September 29, Fort Ridgely Historic Site and State Park hosted over 500 local students for the annual **"All School's Day,"** put on by the Friends of Fort Ridgely.



## 2015 Board

The Nicollet County Historical Society has been fortunate over the years to have a board of directors that is supportive, dedicated and invested in the success of the organization. We are very grateful for those currently on the board, those retiring from the board, and those who have volunteered to join the board in 2016; thank you for your service!

### Officers

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(resigned 2015, 1st term ends 2017)

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## 2015 Staff

The staff members who give their time and expertise to the Nicollet County Historical Society cannot be thanked enough. Without them, NCHS would not be one of the top county historical societies in Minnesota. They care for the local history, teach visitors at our historic sites and connect people with history in meaningful ways. Thank you to the staff and countless volunteers for their part in the success of NCHS.

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Interning and working for NCHS has been an awesome experience. The people are great, the exhibits are fun, and I've gotten so many chances to learn about what goes into creating and maintaining a museum. Plus, I get to be surrounded by history!

~ Bri Dickel,  
Museum Assistant



# 2015 NCHS Financials & Balance Sheet

The Nicollet County Historical Society was fortunate to have had a monetarily uneventful year! We were able to live within our means and major disasters were not to be found. The staff, volunteers and board of directors are thankful for the many donors, members and grantmakers who helped us stay on track in 2015.

## As of December 31, 2015

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets:

CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	116,983.85
MERCHANDISE INVENTORY	14,566.85

Total Current Assets 131,550.70

#### Fixed Assets

BUILDING & IMPROVEMENTS	2,110,724.20
OFFICE EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE	79,595.72

TOTAL FIXED ASSETS AT COST 2,190,319.92

LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION (951,890.36)

Net Fixed Assets 1,238,429.56

**TOTAL ASSETS \$1,369,980.26**

### LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES

#### Current Liabilities:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	3,421.05
PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE	3,312.77
NOTE PAYABLE - NCB	15,917.80

Total Current Liabilities 22,651.62

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#### Fund Balances:

RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	97,562.00
UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	1,398,988.78
RETAINED EARNINGS	(154,950.45)

Total Fund Balances 1,347,328.64

**Total Liabilities & Fund Balances \$1,369,980.26**

Ruth Grewe gives a group of Harkin Store visitors an introduction to life in West Newton in the 1870s.



# 2015 Monetary Donors

The Society is extremely grateful for the monetary and non-monetary support we receive from our members, patrons and supporters. We would not be able to operate our buildings, create exhibits or offer programming without it. We are so appreciative of your help in 2015 with the Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibit and for the general donations that came in. Thanks to all of you, we cannot express our gratitude enough.

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Joe Urban

*Nicollet County  
Historical Society  
and the Treaty Site  
museum offer  
such fine  
opportunities to  
learn about our  
State's history—and  
to enjoy both the  
natural beauty of  
the Minnesota  
River Valley and  
the fine sites  
preserved.*

*From the Traverse  
des Sioux crossing,  
the development of  
the cone-flower and  
monarda plantings  
at the Treaty Rock  
site, to the  
sparkling St. Julien  
House, and the  
exceptional Fort  
Ridgely site, the  
NCHS's care,  
guardianship, and  
preservation of  
these many places  
is exceptional. I  
have not had the  
opportunity to visit  
the Harkin Store  
yet (I have driven  
by many times over  
the years—and hope  
to visit this  
upcoming season).*

~ Corinne L. Monjeau-Marz,  
Author and Scholar

# 2015 Support





## 2015 Memorials

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German research books  
donated by the estate of  
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A listing of the items donated are detailed  
in quarterly issues of *The Crossing*,  
the Society's newsletter.



# 2015 Activities & Programs

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In 2015 NCHS worked with many community organizations on repeat and new programming. Some of these included the Arts Center of Saint Peter, Gustavus Adolphus College, Prairie Enthusiasts, the St. Peter Chamber of Commerce, Twin Cities PBS, St. Peter Reads, the Minnesota Humanities Center, Connecting Nicollet County and many others. Participants and audiences viewed educational films, conducted research, toured our historic sites, and much more.



*Thank you so much for the use of the Treaty Site History Center for our teacher workshop. The teachers loved learning at a place so filled with history.*

~ Heidi Kloempken,  
MNHS staff



Counter-clockwise from top right:

Executive Director Alyssa Auten and friends pose with World War II Veteran Larry Tillemans at the **Documentary Film Series'** showing of *The Typist*. Over 85 people attended the film.

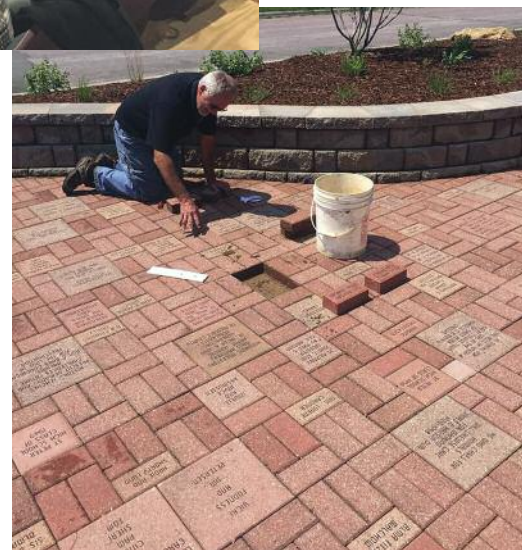
NCHS wins the Arts Center of Saint Peter's **Tablescape Competition** at the Holiday Fare. The tablescape theme was the charm of hosting an event at the Cox House.

Families enjoyed a night of exploring the museum and watching *The Mighty Ducks* at the first annual **Night at the Museum** event at the Treaty Site.

Fort Ridgely Site Manager Amber Bentler and her family pose in the band wagon at the **Fourth of July parade** in St. Peter.

photo credit Susie Carlin

Engraved bricks, part of the **"Name That Brick"** program, are installed in the newly designed patio.



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W. W. Mayo house,  
Le Sueur

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Fort Ridgely, Company B Weekend, with a child learning the rigors of fort life.

photo by Amber Bentler



Mandolin used by her grandmother in St. Peter,  
donated by Janet Hoffmann



Riverside Creamery that served the Bernadotte community,  
donated by Ruth Klossner



Left: 1920 Johnson & Olson store plate from Traverse;  
right: R. F. Schnobrick store plate from St. George,  
donated by Marlin Peterson



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