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SAVE THE DATE! NCHS Annual Meeting on March

The Annual Meeting covering 2023 will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at the History Center. Doors open at 1:00 p.m., with the business meeting starting at 1:30 p.m., and this year's featured speaker will follow, tentatively scheduled for 2:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. There is no cost to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

This year's featured speaker is author Rachael Hanel. Join Rachael as she unveils the life and art of Camilla Hall, more than just her connection to the SLA. Explore her artistic journey, from whimsical drawings to California street fairs, and delve into her experiences beyond the sensational news stories. Through captivating prints and insightful storytelling, discover the artist, the daughter, the friend, and the individual behind the headlines. Don't miss this chance to gain a deeper understanding of Camilla Hall's life and legacy.

RSVP by March 20, 2024. Contact us at 507-934-2160 or info@nchsmn.org to RSVP.

About Rachael Hanel



Annual Meeting speaker
Rachael Hanel

Rachael Hanel teaches creative nonfiction at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Her first book for adults, *We'll Be the Last Ones to Let You Down: Memoir of a Gravedigger's Daughter*, was published in 2013 by the University of Minnesota Press. Her second book, *Not the Camilla We Knew: One Woman's Path from Small-Town America to the Symbionese Liberation Army*, was published in 2022 by the University of Minnesota Press after 23 years of research and

writing. Her book, along with a Ph.D. dissertation published in 1978, are the only two in-depth studies of Camilla Hall.

NCHS Board Announces 2024 Slate for Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee of your Nicollet County Historical Society presents the following slate of candidates for the 2024 term. We encourage you to attend the annual meeting to show your support for the Society and these dedicated volunteers.

Tacie Schwartz,
North Mankato
Jon Smithers,
2nd term

President: Kate Martens
Vice President: Tami Skinner
Treasurer: Denny Schmidt
Secretary: Scott Hermanson

NEW EXHIBIT COMING SOON!

More Than a Headline: A Closer Look at the Art and Life of Camilla Hall

Camilla Hall's name is most famously associated with the Symbionese Liberation Army, a militant revolutionary group that she joined in California's Bay Area in 1974. The SLA attracted national attention when it kidnapped Patricia Hearst, an heir to the Hearst media empire. Camilla and five other SLA members died in a shoot-out with Los Angeles police on May 17, 1974.

But the St. Peter native was much more than a revolutionary. She was a daughter, a friend, a sister, and an artist. Both of Camilla's parents, the Rev. George and Lorena Hall, displayed visual creative tendencies. George Hall, who came to St. Peter in 1938 with Lorena to teach at Gustavus, carved wood and sketched. Lorena, who founded the Gustavus art department, was a talented landscape painter who had studied under Birger Sandzén at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas.

Camilla developed a talent for whimsical line drawings. In 1970, she moved to Los Angeles, following a couple of

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ORGANIZATION INFO

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Traverse des Sioux

Adjacent to the Treaty Site History Center

1851 N Minnesota Ave.

Saint Peter, MN 56082

Open dawn to dusk year-round

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN



Jessica Becker

As I celebrate my 15th anniversary with NCHS this year, I'm taking a moment to reflect not only on my own tenure but also on the remarkable journey of the organization. NCHS will celebrate its centennial in 2028, and we have faced challenges and celebrated triumphs while growing and evolving through the years.

NCHS began at the Nicollet County Fair in 1928 and has become a constant presence in our ever-changing communities through our mission to gather, preserve and share Nicollet County's history. We are excited to imagine the legacy that we will leave for generations to come.

Looking ahead, we wonder what future NCHS members will say at our bicentennial in 2128. Beyond preserving the past, did we actively contribute to shaping a better future for Nicollet County? Are they impressed by how well we adapted to the evolving needs of our community, ensuring our continued impact across generations? Did NCHS carve out a unique and relevant space, offering valuable experiences for all in the ever-changing museum landscape?

The answers to these questions will shape our path forward. This anniversary isn't just a celebration; it's a call to action. It demands open dialogue, honest assessments, and a collaborative spirit.

The Board, staff, and I are actively engaged in answering these questions, and we're eager to collaborate with you, our valued members. Together, we can define the resources and strategies needed to fulfill our shared vision for the future of NCHS.

Look for opportunities soon to let us know what future NCHS should be. We want to hear your thoughts, ideas, and aspirations for the next century. Join us in shaping the legacy of the Nicollet County Historical Society!

Jessica Becker

Executive Director



The George Hall family c1947. Left to right: Lorena (Daeschner) Hall holding Nan Rebecca, George F., Camilla Christine, Peter Kermit, and George Terrance in their home on South Seventh Street, St. Peter. Credit: Nicollet County Historical Society

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our 2024 at NCHS has seen a very positive beginning, thanks to the response to Give to the Max in November and the generous year-end donations by you, our membership. This level of support reinforces our conviction that the Nicollet County Historical Society is a valued part of our community. We hope to see new memberships and reconnect with past supporters as NCHS continues to offer our services for education, collection, and research.



Kate Martens, President
NCHS Board of Directors

One important upcoming event is our Annual Meeting on March 24. The Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity to visit the museum, connect with fellow members, and select the Board members and officers for the coming year. This year, we're featuring a presentation by Rachael Hanel, author of *Not the Camilla We Knew: One Woman's Path from Small-town America to the Symbionese Liberation Army*, and creator of our forthcoming exhibit *More Than a Headline: A Closer Look at the Art and Life of Camilla Hall*. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

As mentioned in the fall Crossing, the Board and staff are looking for ways to best fulfill our mission of gathering, preserving, and sharing Nicollet County's rich history. Here are some ways you can help.

- Spread the word and promote NCHS within your circle
- Invite your family and friends to a tour or program
- Volunteer your time and talents

Contact us at info@nchsmn.org or 507-934-2160 for more information.

With your support, NCHS can continue to be a valued resource.

Kate Martens

Kate Martens
NCHS President

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former co-workers, and devoted herself to art full-time. There she sold her art at the many street fairs of the time. In early 1971 she moved to the Bay Area because she had heard the market there was better for art. But after a short time, she abandoned her enterprise and took a series of odd jobs, mostly landscaping and in parks.

This exhibit showcases several of Camilla's prints. It also provides an overview of Camilla's life—from her girlhood in St. Peter, to her move to Minneapolis, then to Los Angeles and ultimately to Berkeley, where her fate was sealed.



April 24 to August 24, 2024 | Treaty Site History Center
1851 N. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter | Tue.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
*content not being suitable for young audiences



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Corner Cafe by Camilla Hall. Credit: Gustavus Adolphus College Archives: The George Hall Papers

HISTORY CENTER REPORT



Steve Sayre and Lynn Hanson working in the new research space



Our Collections Assistant Anna at work



Jim Ihrke and Robert Weber reinforcing the card catalog

by James Ihrke,
Operations Coordinator

Winter can seem like a quiet time here at the Treaty Site History Center. Our Research Library has completed its renovations, and our staff and volunteers have been making the most of it.

We have enough volunteers to specialize. Anna has a talent for textiles and identifying photographs. Lynn focuses on digitizing papers. Jennifer has curated our library. Margo, Steve, and Nita have been focused on in-depth family research, Bob has knowledge about a little bit of everything and can pitch in with anything. Even our front desk has had full coverage!

With this help, we have turned our attention to Collections. This means organizing, maximizing space, and making room for more treasures. It also means building new shelving, creating new workspaces, and sorting out office equipment that no longer serves us.

With this moving forward, we have been thinking about bigger dreams and what we need to accomplish them. Over 600 students and visitors had guided tours with us last year. We have a need for docents, people who love to share our history with others. We have a great need for people who are handy and have strong backs to help waterproof the cabin, refinish the benches on the trail, and build new exhibits, shelves, and other things. I dream of a small army to clear the buckthorn along the trail and beautify the riverbank.

I see the generous spirit of our membership and our community. It makes me feel excited and hopeful for the future.



James Ihrke
Operations Coordinator



Bob Sandeen offering Lynn Hanson his expertise

ARCHIVES DONATIONS

Artifact & Archival Donations since last *Crossing* of 11-10-2023:

Kristin M. Anderson and the Hebron Cemetery Association:

Kristin Ammerman: Department of Interior appointment document naming Jared W. Daniels as an Indian Inspector, 1874.

John Berbrich: Digital and print photos of District 12, Courtland, schoolchildren, 1932, 1934.

Blue Earth County Historical Society: Book, *The Art of Marian Anderson*.

Lyle Bonderson: Bear robe owned by Carl Magnus Bondeson.

Michelle Bowers: Decorative ceramic ladies' boot with an illustration of the second Saint Peter High School, from the estate of Judy Miller Flatt.

Curtis Dahlin: Books by the donor: Joel E. Whitney: *Minnesota's Leading Pioneer Photographer*; *August 18: Massacres, Mayhem, Abuse, and Attempted Extermination*; *The Weather Burned Buildings, People, and Other Things: A Medley of Articles from the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 in Minnesota*.

Deborah Filter: organizational records, St. Peter Riverbend Promenaders, 1977-2019.

Pat Clobus Gallagher: Scrapbook, Daun and Clobus families and farm that was on the site where the Treaty Site is currently located.

Lori Grapentine: Posters from the Four Seasons Department Store.

Wayne Johnson: Digital photo of Andrew Gustaf Johnson.

Charles Jutz: Memoir of the donor's experiences as a young student at District #31 rural school.

William B. Kastens: Baptism and confirmation certificates of Walter Karl Samuel Kastens, issued by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Nicollet, 1914 and 1928.

League of Women Voters St. Peter Area: League of Women Voters pins.

Lori Mourlam, Regional Godfather's Pizza: Newspapers from locations in the Midwest with reportage on the 1998 tornado in St. Peter.

Nicollet County: Nicollet County promotional coaster; plat maps and reproductions of plat maps.

Marie A. Riley: Materials relating to Norman C. Gault.

Robert Roloff: Commemorative Traverse des Sioux Encampment mugs, 1991-1998.

Mildred Anton Schreiber and Marge Anton Marschel: Children's furniture made by the donors' father, Philip Anton, of St. George, and photos of Margaret (Marge) Anton Marschel with the furniture.

Michele Schroeder: Commemorative plates, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Courtland.

Tostenson family: Photographs and artifacts from the Tosten family and farm, and their church and school communities.

Unknown: Promotional hanger, Olin & Hedren, Clothiers, Lafayette, Minn.

Dean Wahlund: Lions Club vests that belonged to Mark and Frani Anderson; list of Saint Peter Lions Club presidents, 1946-2024.

Greg Yackel: Relics, including coins, pieces of pottery and porcelain, military and other buttons, munitions, and other items found by the donor, who is a metal detectorist, at the site of the Cullen Trading Post on Fort Road, primarily in 2018, and at the site of Traverse des Sioux in 2002.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

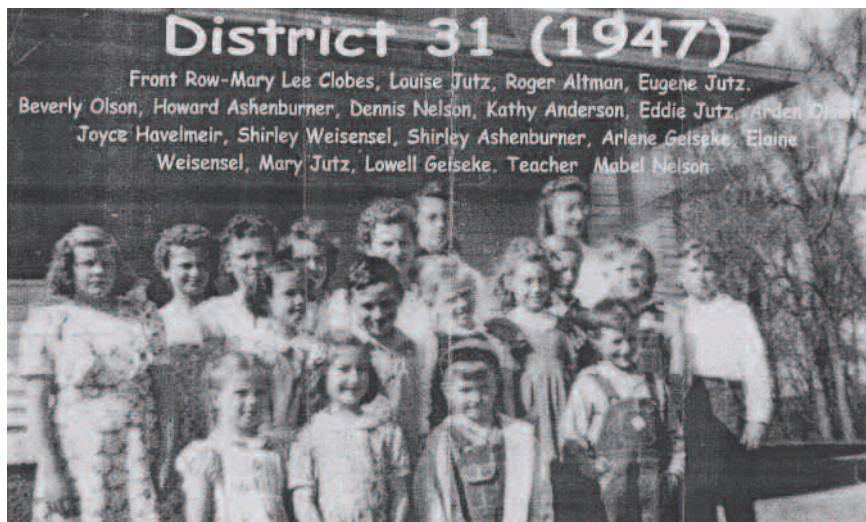
by Ruth Einstein

Research Coordinator

The past few months have brought some beautiful photos of school children in rural Nicollet County schools, and a delightful memoir describing District #31 in Brighton Township by Charles (Chuck) Jutz, who attended the one-room school in the 1950s. Chuck's vivid descriptions of the school building, the interior lay-



Ruth Einstein
Research Coordinator



District 31 School students in Brighton Township in 1947, with teacher Mabel (Kuehn) Nelson.

out, lessons, lunch, playing during recess, and a few special events, such as the annual Christmas program and the end-of-year picnic, bring school days to life. Enjoy these excerpts from Chuck's memoir:

Second and third grades were better, with the basics established, I paid rapt attention to the older students' lessons and recitation at the table in the front of the classroom. Younger students were seated in the smaller desks at the front, older, bigger students sat progressively farther back, up to the sixth graders all the way back. With a single teacher, and two to four or five students per grade, much of our time was spent at our desks doing assignments while another grade was at the table being instructed or quizzed. Being young, I was very near the table and constantly was raising my hand to answer questions asked the older students, much to their disgust and the teacher's dismay...

The agony and the joy of recess. Playground equipment that can't exist in the modern world: a swing set made of galvanized metal pipe, with chains supporting heavy oak swing seats with metal brackets that somehow never killed or maimed anyone too badly, even when the older students would try to swing as high as possible, then jump off windmilling their legs and arms attempting to land as far away from the swing as possible. I don't recall more than occasional scrapes and bruises. The slide appeared impossibly tall to us little people; it was all metal of course, so in hot weather you were likely to get singed a bit sliding down...

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School District #12, Courtland, 1932. L-r, front: Marion Bode, Bernice Schultz (Christiansen), Doris Reed (Hoffmann), Edna Bode (Bendix), Erna Studtmann (Stolt), Norma Hulke (Fehlman); rear: Marlin Hulke, Melvin Bruns, unknown, unknown, George Studtmann, Chester Reed, Elmer Bode, Wesley Berbrich. Gift of John Berbrich.



Students and their teacher, Donna Johnson, Norseland Christian Day School, 1953. Left row, back to front: Judy Tostenson (Teigen), Duane Gran, Jonathan Tweit, Bob Rodning, Carolyn Annexstad. Middle row: John Tjernagel, James Tjernagel, Elizabeth Tweit, Doug Swenson, Allen Quist, Betty Rodning, Ruth Tweit. Right row (standing): Paul Tweit, Teacher Donna Johnson; seated: Jerry Tjernagel, Steve Quist, Naomi Tweit, Karen Swenson, Bea Hanson, Oren Quist. Gift of the Tostenson family.

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Lunch consisted of whatever we brought along, sandwiches or leftovers warmed in the glass jar you brought them in, warmed in a large metal box full of water on a hotplate off to the side of the classroom. Some days the aroma of particularly good leftovers made concentration more and more difficult as lunch time approached, since the food had to be in the warmer all morning.

Do you have memories of your experiences in Nicollet County schools, churches, organizations, or of activities with friends or family that you might like to contribute to the NCHS collection to be preserved for future generations? Of course we love receiving photographs, business records, and memorabilia, but sometimes the heart and soul of a place are the memories of those who lived there. Jot down your memories in a document or email and send them to us at research@nchsmn.org.

Many thanks to the members of Team Archives! Our magnificent volunteers are keeping things humming by scanning newspaper articles, indexing massive genealogical collections, organizing donated personal papers and organizational records, cataloguing, serving on the Collections Committee,



NCHS staff members Anna Simmons wearing bear skin gloves from the collection, and James Ihrke modeling a bear skin robe that once belonged to Carl Magnus Bondeson (1830–1906), who resided in the Bernadotte area, generously donated by his great-grandson, Lyle Bonderson.

and generally keeping me in line. We are grateful to Nita Aasen, Lynn Hanson, Eileen Holz, Jennifer Monke, Margo O'Brien, Brian Oviatt, Marlin Peterson, Bob Sandeen, and our newest volunteer, Steve Sayre.

We are especially excited to announce that Anna Simmons has joined the staff as Collections Assistant and that her position is being underwritten by the MVAC Community Service Training Program. Anna has special expertise in handling and cataloguing textiles, which will be a great asset in preserving the collection. *Welcome, Anna!*

GET TO KNOW THE NEW FOLKS AT NCHS!

Name: Steve Sayre

What made you decide to volunteer

with NCHS?: I am interested in the work NCHS does.

If you could travel back in time, when and where would you go?:

Back to a time in which I could hang out with my mother.

Name: Margo O'Brien

What made you decide to volunteer with NCHS?: To stay engaged with the community while indulging in my love of history

What hidden gem or lesser-known story at the NCHS fascinates you the most?: The early families all have a treasure trove of stories all over the county. It's so interesting following the generations that are still alive and well as part of our community.

Name: Debra Nelson

What made you decide to volunteer with NCHS?: I see volunteering as an opportunity to interact with staff and visitors. It gives my week a bit of purpose and joy.

If you could travel back in time, when and where would you go?:

I'd love to have seen the Minnesota River Valley pre-European settlement. I don't think life was easy, but seeing the river valley and prairie without the roads, fast food restaurants, trains, and the crush of people must have been beautiful. The animal life, including bison herds, flocks of various birds, and clean river water, would have been a marvel.

Name: Anna Simmons

What made you decide to become involved with NCHS? A general love of history and an inclination to learn more about St. Peter's origin and its past (as well as Nicollet County as a whole).

If you could create your own museum exhibit, what would it be about?: Not surprisingly, I would create a costume exhibit, possibly a broad overview of what people wore throughout the county's history. What people wore is such a huge reflection of where and when they lived, and it's a tangible connection to the past that most people can relate to.

Name: Jennifer Monke

What made you decide to volunteer with NCHS?: Nicollet County is so special to me. Local history fascinates me, and I'm happy to support any institution that seeks to preserve and grow with it. (Besides, I, too, have a personal penchant for preserving family items.)

What are you most excited about learning or experiencing as a volunteer?:

I'm always discovering connections among former residents, past events, and absent sites – all of which have tangibly disappeared but have continued to reverberate in some form into our present and our progeny's future. Every day I'm here, I'm moved and humbled by what I learn.

Name: Gary Kollmann

What made you decide to become involved with NCHS?: I needed to get out of the house and enjoy history.

If you could travel back in time, when and where would you go?: Indian Lake by Mankato. My dad farmed it in the 40s until 1979.

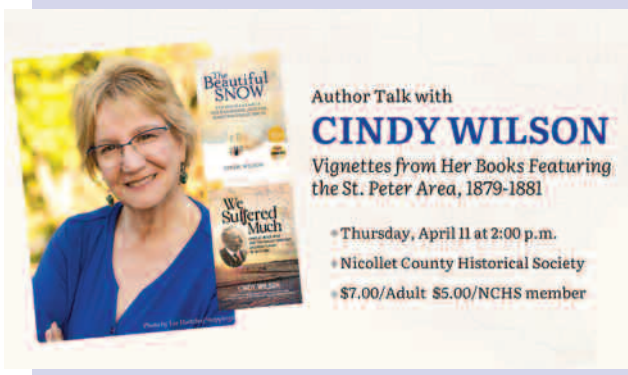


Margo O'Brien, Jennifer Monke, and Nita Aasen working hard in the archives.



New MVAC Senior Training Program staff member Gary Kollmann meeting the rest of the crew

NCHS EVENTS



Documentary Film Series

The Nicollet County Historical Society and Saint Peter Community and Family Education present our sixteenth season of documentary films! The public is welcome to join us for these free films at the Treaty Site History Center.

Film Series | *Groundbreakers*

March 7 @ 2-4 p.m. | Treaty Site History Center | *Free*

Through the eyes of women athletes who changed the system, the new two-hour documentary *Groundbreakers* celebrates 50 years of female excellence in sports. Hosted by sports icon and champion of equality Billie Jean King, the film weaves together the first-hand stories of eight icons to discuss how Title IX and their own achievements forever changed the course of women's sports.

Film Series | *New Eye on the Universe*

April 4 @ 2-3 p.m. | Treaty Site History Center | *Free*

In July 2022, NASA's James Webb Space Telescope released its first images, looking further back in time than ever before to show our universe in stunningly beautiful detail. But that was just the beginning: With tons of new data and spectacular images flooding in, Webb is allowing scientists to peer deep in time to try to answer some of astronomy's biggest questions. When – and how – did the first stars and galaxies form? And can we see the fingerprints of life in the atmospheres of distant worlds—or even within our own solar system?

Film Series | *Leave it to Beavers*

May 2 @ 2-3 p.m. | Treaty Site History Center | *Free*

A growing number of scientists, conservationists, and grass-roots environmentalists now regard beavers as overlooked tools when it comes to reversing the disastrous effects of global warming and worldwide water shortages. Using their skills as natural builders and brilliant hydro-engineers, beavers can transform and revive landscapes.

hiSTORY hangout

March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20 @ 10-11 a.m. | History Center | *Free*

Join us for our free monthly history chat, where we'll engage in lively conversation, share stories, and enjoy light refreshments.

Author Talk with Cindy Wilson:

Vignettes from my Books Featuring the St. Peter area, 1879-1881

April 11 @ 2-3 p.m. | \$7 per adult and \$5 per NCHS member

Wilson will introduce us to the amazing family of railroad surveyor Charles Wood Irish, along with stories from her new book that have an area connection. Her talk will then talk about the Hard Winter of 1880-81, centered on Nicollet County. Join us for this engaging talk!

MEMBERSHIP RECAP

Thank you to the following renewing and new members of NCHS through 11-10-2023.

Renewed

Business Advocate Members:

St. Peter Lumber Company
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Nicollet County Farm Bureau

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Renewed Individual Members:

Brad Wilmes

Renewed Senior Members:

Michael Annexsted
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Marty & Carol Sterner
Barbara Wilkinson

New Crossing Circle

Lifetime Members:

John Chamberlain
Katha Chamberlain

New Business Advocate Member:

St. Peter Chamber of Commerce

New Family Members:

Thomas & Laurie Schwinghammer
Sarah & Scott Kruse

New Individual Members:

Steve Guse

New Senior Members:

Steve Johnson
Margaret Marschel
Margaret Lambert
Joanna Swanson

We make every effort to provide an accurate listing of membership renewals and donors. If we have made an error please contact us at 507-934-2160 or info@nchsmn.org and we'll make corrections.

MEMORIALS

received by NCHS since the last *Crossing* of 11-10-2023.

In Memory of **Diane Kroeger**

Given by Benjamin Kroeger

In Memory of **Roger Norland**

Given by Jerry Gulden
Wayne Johnson
Diane Norland
Gail Norland

We remember...

with honor the following friends and members whom we lost since the last *Crossing* of 11-10-2023.

- ◆ Brian Fremo
- ◆ Joy Lutz
- ◆ Ursula McRostie
- ◆ Robert "Bob" Moline
- ◆ Arnold Nimps
- ◆ Judy Scholl

MONETARY DONATIONS

received by NCHS since the last *Crossing* of 11-10-2023.

A philanthropic gift from the
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the Mankato Area Foundation

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Emily Stark
Joan Swanson
Betty Thompson
Roland & Edi Thorstensson
Richard & Janet Wettergren
Brad Wilmes
Gerald & Peggy Wolfe

IT HAPPENED 160 YEARS AGO

Reply to a request for supplies by Captain E. St. Julien Cox of Company E of the First Mounted Rangers, Hennepin County, Minnesota

The Commissary Officer of the First Regiment of the Minnesota Mounted Rangers, First Lieutenant Edward D. Cobb, wrote this note to Captain Eugene St. Julien Cox, Captain of Company E of the Rangers, from Fort Snelling on March 21, 1863, in response to a request for supplies from Cox. Captain Cox had requested a number of items, including horses, tents, jackets, socks, boots, haversacks, canteens, axes, kettles, spades, mess pans, hatchets, and picks. Cobb informed Cox that some of the items were available, but that some items could not be supplied at once. He also said that Cox was to take the lame horses from his company to Fort Ridgely, where they would be inspected and certified as lame. Cox could then submit a requisition for additional horses.

Transcription:

Manuscript No. 307 Nicollet Co. Historical Society

From Art W. Powers, Clerk, Lake Prairie Township

Fort Snelling March 21/63

Capt E. St. Julien Cox

[MS. illegible]

Major Parker handed me your requisition no 40, for Horses &&, I have shown it to Gen Sibley & Capt Carling Chief Qr.M. They requested me to write & say that you must send your Horses that are not suitable for service to Fort Ridgely & have a board of survey to inspect them & report unfit for service, then take the post Qr M Receipt for the same & forward a copy of report with a requisition for the number of Horses you actually want to mount each enlisted man with regard to the tents he says you do not want them at present. The jackets are not here & do not know when they will come. The same with regard to Cavalry Pants, but I can furnish you with Infantry Pants. The socks are on hand, I can furnish you Boots but not sewed Haver sacks, & canteens, axes, kettles, spades, mess pans, Hatchets & Picks are all on hand. Please make out new requisitions for the goods that I can furnish & I will send them as soon as possible. Yours Respectfully

ED Cobb, 1st Lieut

& A C F. MMR

They will not furnish frying pans. The saddlers tools I put on the other requisition as they belong to the Ordinance Department.

Note: Cobb was the Acting Commissary, First Minnesota Mounted Rangers.

M-307 Nicollet Co. Historical Society from
Art W. Powers, Clerk of Lake Prairie Twp
Wd the Fort Snelling
March 21/63

May Cobb Cox
Comd 1st Co. Minn
St. Peter

May
You will see by enclosed Order
& 1st Lieut Sibley that the
Company of Sibley is added
to this District you will
include it in your list
of items.

Lieut F. Parker of
New Ulm was here this
morning. They have organized
a Squad there & have furnished
muster rolls and you will
attend to their muster at your
earliest convenience.
The Indians that were around

Here have part of them escaped
and undoubtedly joined other
parties there and may return
before long with reinforcements.
Trappers report Indians plenty
west of here -

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Ed Cobb
1st Lieut

You will send copies of
Order No 7 to the different
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2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Event/Program information:

TSHC: Treaty Site History Center events are free for NCHS members unless stated otherwise.

continuing on display

Brewers & Bottlers | through December 20

Celebrating the Past, Cultivating the Future | through June 29, 2024

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OPENING SOON

More Than a Headline: A Closer Look at the Art and Life of Camilla Hall |
March 24–August 24

History Center

Mar. 7 **Documentary Film Series** | *Groundbreakers*, 2–4 p.m., FREE | *details on page 8*

History Center

Mar. 21 **hiSTORY hangout**, 10–11 a.m., FREE | *details on page 8*

History Center

Mar. 24 **Exhibit Opening: *More Than a Headline: A Closer Look at the Art and Life of Camilla Hall***
details on pages 1 & 3

History Center

Mar. 24 **Annual Meeting with special guest speaker Rachael Hanel**

History Center

Apr. 4 **Documentary Film Series** | *New Eye on the Universe*, 2–3 p.m., FREE | *details on page 8*

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Apr. 11 **Author Talk with Cindy Wilson:**

Vignettes from my Books Featuring the St. Peter area, 1879–1881,
2–3 p.m., \$7.00 per adult and \$5.00 per NCHS member | *details on page 8*

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Apr. 18 **hiSTORY hangout**, 10–11 a.m., FREE | *details on page 8*

History Center

Mar. 7 **Documentary Film Series** | *Leave it to Beavers*, 2–3 p.m., FREE | *details on page 8*

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May 16 **hiSTORY hangout**, 10–11 a.m., FREE | *details on page 8*

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June 20 **hiSTORY hangout**, 10–11 a.m., FREE | *details on page 8*

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