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## Keep Our Lights On Summer Fundraiser

**Now through August 25, 2025****Goal: \$7,500 to close an unexpected funding gap and keep daily operations running smoothly**

This year, donations and memberships are down significantly compared to last year. At the same time, the work of preserving and sharing Nicollet County's history hasn't slowed. We still need to keep the lights on, pay our staff, maintain our buildings, and care for the collections entrusted to us.

That's why we're asking for your help.

**Every dollar helps close the gap and keep our work going.**

To thank you for being part of this effort, we'd love to offer a small gift that reflects your generosity. You can pick up your thank-you gift at the History Center during open hours:

- **With a gift of \$25 or more**, choose a postcard from our collection
- **At \$50**, we'll set aside a lightweight hand fan—perfect for summer events
- **At \$100**, you'll receive an NCHS t-shirt as a wearable show of support
- **At \$150 or more**, we'll have a travel mug waiting for you

These items are tokens of our appreciation—and a way to say thank you for making our work possible.



**Give today at**  
**nchsmn.org/keep-our-lights-on**  
**or scan the QR code.**



Your donation helps close the gap and keeps history alive and accessible.

### Prefer giving from your phone?

You can also donate using the free Givi mobile app, a secure and easy way to support NCHS on the go.

- **Download the Givi app**
- **Search for Nicollet County Historical Society**
- **Set up your profile in a few quick steps**
- **Make your donation from your device anytime**

The app is available on both the App Store and Google Play.



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Saint Peter, MN 56082

Phone: 507-934-2160

E-mail: cox@nchsmn.org

#### 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

Over the past couple of months, we've been keeping a close eye on our revenue, and a trend has emerged that unfortunately hasn't turned around, even as our busier season has picked up. Admissions and gift shop sales are each down by nearly 50%. Donations have dropped by almost 40%, and memberships have seen a modest decline, too.

These combined shifts have created an unexpected funding gap that we need to close.

To help address this issue, we're launching the Keep Our Lights On Summer Fundraiser, which will run through August 25. Our goal is to raise \$7,500 to support our daily operations. Unrestricted donations allow us to meet needs as they arise—whether that's bills, staffing, building maintenance, collections care, or unexpected repairs.

While we continue working to build a long-term strategy, this campaign is a way to act now and continue moving forward.

More details about the fundraiser are on the front page. We'd love your support if you could contribute or help spread the word. Every action, big or small, helps us preserve and share the history of Nicollet County.

Thank you for being a member and supporter, and for valuing our work.

Jessica Becker



Executive Director



Jessica Becker

## MAF GIVING FOR GOOD CATALOG

**NCHS has a project that will be featured in the 2025 Giving for Good Catalog, which will be available on the Mankato Area Foundation website from July 7 to August 8.**

This online catalog features over 50 local nonprofit projects, each addressing timely and pressing needs in our region. It's designed to make it easy for community members like you to explore, connect with, and give directly to the organizations that inspire them, including ours.

NCHS's featured project will replace flipbooks in our Treaty of Traverse des Sioux exhibit with interactive touchscreen kiosks. These old flipbooks, installed in 2008, are worn and difficult to use, especially for visitors with limited time or different accessibility needs. The new kiosks will share stories of Dakota leaders, treaty signers, early settlers, and notable local residents in a more engaging way, making it easier for all visitors to connect with Nicollet County's history.

View the Giving for Good Catalog here: <https://qrco.de/give-for-good-2025>

# Banking on a Signature: St. Peter's Wildcat Currency and the Tomlinson Note

by Jessica Becker and Bob Sandeen

In the world of paper currency, signatures rarely hold much meaning—unless they're tied to a story. One such signature, handwritten on a \$5 bill issued in 1875 by the First National Bank of St. Peter, offers a personal connection to a vanished era of American banking and a little-known figure from Nicollet County's past.

The note, which recently surfaced at auction, features handwritten markings on both sides. On the front, the inscription reads: "Please return this bill to H. S. Tomlinson, St. Peter." On the reverse: "The property of H. S. Tomlinson, November 1877, St. Peter, Minn." The name refers to Horace S. Tomlinson, who grew up in Nicollet County and later became a prominent figure in Chicago's livestock commission business. His father, Rockwell N. Tomlinson, served as Nicollet County sheriff during the 1860s and was an early settler of St. Peter.

This banknote is no different from any of the banknotes in use today. It was issued by the federal government and has no connection whatsoever to the wildcat banknotes used prior to the Civil War. The First National Bank of Saint Peter, Minnesota, received its federal charter in 1871. Its charter number was 1794. Ultimately, there were over 14,000 federally chartered banks in the United States, so the St. Peter bank was one of the early ones to be chartered.

The First National Bank of St. Peter issued currency in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, and \$20. While one- and two-dollar bills were certainly printed and used, none are currently listed in the census compiled by collectors and professional paper money dealers. As of this writing, 23 notes from First National are listed on the census, with four additional examples recently reported. One more \$1 note is believed to survive in private hands, bringing the unofficial count to 28 known notes. This does not include a fractional note held by the Minnesota Historical Society. Collectors know that one- and two-dollar bills were the most commonly circulated but least likely to survive due to wear and tear. Their rarity today offers insight into how hard those smaller denominations worked in the local economy.

The banknote is of interest because it was once owned by a man who was born in Illinois, lived in various locations in Nicollet County, returned to Illinois, and became a significant figure in the Chicago stockyard markets. Horace's father had once been the sheriff of Nicollet County. Like his son, Rockwell also became a significant figure in the Chicago stockyard markets. Both father and son became quite wealthy.

The banknote is also of interest because its serial number is 1. Such banknotes from any era and of any series or design from Minnesota are extremely rare!

The personal markings on the 1875 \$5 note make it particularly rare, not just for its denomination, but for its glimpse into a life and a place. In writing his name across the bill, Horace Tomlinson may have been making a claim, a request, or simply hoping to see the note again. What remains is both a tangible piece of financial history and a faint echo of one man's story.





# TREATY SITE HISTORY CENTER REPORT

by **James Ihrke**, NCHS Operations Coordinator



James Ihrke  
Operations Coordinator

Around this time last year, we were fretting about the flooding creeping up to our building. Our prairie critters were fleeing to dry ground. This year, I called our expert to see where all the snakes were. He said they were likely happy down by the river. What a difference a year makes!

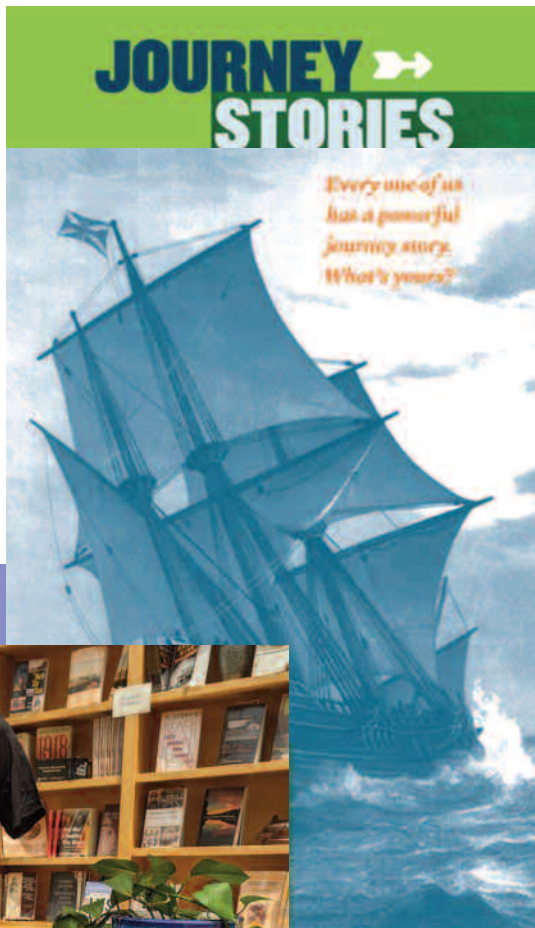
We are just finishing up the busy season for tours here at the History Center. Hundreds of visitors have taken a tour of our museum and visited the crossing on the river this year. Reach out to us if you'd like to have your group take a guided tour with us.

Our hiSTORY hangout on the third Thursday of each month continues to grow in attendance. Stop down for some coffee and treats and tell us about the projects you are working on.

This month, we have a new temporary exhibit, "Journey Stories," from the Smithsonian Institute Traveling Exhibition Services. This exhibit displays the history of human migration to and throughout the United States from settler times to the present day.

Need a gift idea for someone who loves History? The gift shop has new NCHS travel mugs, along with branded items such as t-shirts, stickers, and more. We also have new books, including one popular offering, "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Don't forget, NCHS members receive a 10% discount in the gift shop!

I am especially excited about an event to give our log cabin some TLC. The cabin was likely built by Sander Syverson in 1869, in Section 2 of New Sweden. Kathy Padget donated it and moved to the south end of our parking lot in 2006, where it was repaired and turned back into a homestead cabin. Since then, visitors have marveled at how so many people could live in such a small space. Time and weather have taken their toll on the cabin, so it's time for some repairs. Mark Johnson of Artisan Restoration who will teach us how this work was done in the past. Join us on July 12th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for this free event, and wear some old clothes if you'd like to pitch in! No registration required.



Right: Journey Stories Exhibit  
Below: Gift Shop Table



Deb helping get the Cox House mannequin ready

# ON EXHIBIT AT THE TREATY SITE HISTORY CENTER



## Journey Stories

(On display through July 5)

*Journey Stories* is an educational poster exhibition that explores how movement has shaped the nation. It takes a broad look at American expansion and migration, from the earliest European settlers and Native American displacement, to the effects of transportation advancements on modern mobility. *Journey Stories* is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

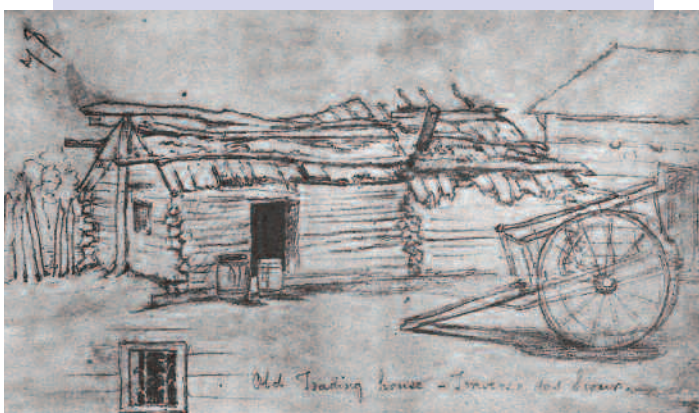


## Nicollet County Townships

Explore the Nicollet County Room, which features displays filled with artifacts and stories from each of Nicollet County's 13 townships.

## Seasons of Nicollet County

See seasonal vignettes from early Nicollet County. Each display features different modes of transportation, textiles, and artifacts, offering a seasonal glimpse into our past.



## Sketches of Frank Blackwell Mayer

(On hold through July 5)

In 1851, 23-year-old Baltimore native Frank Blackwell Mayer embarked on a 5,903-mile journey to document the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux, recording the lives of Indigenous Minnesotans through detailed sketches. Despite not securing a government role in the treaty negotiations, Mayer's commitment to capturing these historical moments left a lasting legacy, rivaling Seth Eastman's work and surpassing George Catlin's contributions in Minnesota. Though he intended to finish all 63 sketches in watercolor, Mayer completed only 31 before he died in 1899, preserving a unique visual record of this pivotal moment in history.

## 1851 Treaty of Traverse des Sioux

The History Center's permanent exhibit interprets the 1851 Treaty of Traverse des Sioux as a watershed moment in Minnesota history for the Dakota people and Euro-Americans through large graphic panels, hands-on activities, artifacts, and a portion of Twin City Public Television's documentary, *Dakota Conflict*.





## ARCHIVES DONATIONS

Artifact & Archival Donations since last Crossing of Spring 2025:

**Nita Aasen:** Karen's Flowers promotional tote bag celebrating fifty years in business, 1974-2024.

**Valorie Dubois:** Cabinet card of Philip Adin Leaf and his cousin, Lilly Maria Lagerstrom, as children, St. Peter, 1902.

**Gail Dummer:** Storage table with a large storage container that would have been used by a seamstress at Johnson Uniform Company, St. Peter.

**Mark Fiemeyer:** Courtland history timeline, 1780-1862; reminiscence of Courtland by Mark Fiemeyer.

**Todd Hanson:** Organizational records of the Nicollet Creamery, including Board of Trustee minutes, and share certificates and register.

**Brad Haugdahl:** Digital images relating to Sam Haugdahl and family.

**Andy Hopp:** Bob Schuck Chevy, Nicollet, promotional glassware set.

**Ruth Klossner:** Wedding dress worn by Edna Fischer Klossner at her wedding to Hillard "Jake" Klossner, January 24, 1940, and photographs of the bride, the couple, and the wedding party.

**John Mayer, Patrick's on Third:** Two digital photographs of the St. Peter Drum and Bugle Corps, the precursor to the Govenaires, 1958 and 1960.

**Gail Norland:** Photo album from the estate of Roger Norland, which includes photos of the Henry C. Miller family and many photos taken in St. Peter studios.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

by **Ruth Einstein**, Research Coordinator

Last month, Ambrose McCabe brought in two photographs taken in 1958 and 1960 of the St. Peter Drum and Bugle Corps, hoping that we could help identify the band's members. The photos are displayed at Patrick's on Third, where John Mayer and Ambrose have been keeping track of the lists of the names of those pictured. John's dad, the eponymous Patrick Mayer of Patrick's, and Ambrose's dad, Ralph McCabe, were members of the Drum and Bugle Corps, which became known as the Govenaires in 1961.



Ruth Einstein  
Research Coordinator



St. Peter Drum and Bugle Corps, 1960.

NCHS put the images of the photos on our Facebook page and received many helpful responses. There are still a few unidentified band members, and there are also a few individuals who were identified as two different men, or one name associated with two different people.

There are a few faces that are easily recognizable, such as Big Lou Kaveney, Cliff Hermel, and Earl Erickson, but there are others that we still need help pinning down. Would you recognize Emil Jacobson, Greg Annexstad, Doug Strand, Marv Keough, Bill "Sach" Williams, or Jim Lawrence?

Any idea who a man with a name similar to Monty Crimbow might be? No one with that last name can be found in census records.

This is all to say that we still need help! Contact me at [research@nchsmn.org](mailto:research@nchsmn.org) and I'll send you large, numbered images and the lists of names as they stand right now. Thank you!

The Johnson & Company/Johnson Uniform Company collection at NCHS was augmented by a donation by Gail Dummer of a storage table that would have stood beside the work station of a seamstress at the factory. The top comes off to reveal a space where personal items such as a lunch or a hand-bag could be stored. The piece goods needed for the day's work were placed on the top, ready to be assembled.



Storage table, Johnson & Company.

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## Archives continued from page 7

The table is handmade and decorated with a Johnson & Company, St. Peter, Go-Pfor Brand stencil. Eileen Holz is quite sure the stencil was made by her father, Walter Holz, who was a foreman at Johnson and who created the stencils that guided the embroiderers working on uniforms.

Progress is being made on the project to convert and upgrade our collections management software system, funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Minnesota Historical Society. After a preliminary upload of over 26,000 of our records, there have been several back-and-forths with the vendor to ensure that all of our data is correctly mapped to the new system. The good news is that we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Stay tuned!

## Thank-you to Our Research Center Volunteers!

Nita Aasen, Eileen Holz, Jared Mlaker, Bobb Menk, Jennifer Monke, Margo O'Brien, Brian Oviatt, Marlin Peterson, Bob Sandeen, and Victoria Steinhaus.

## COX HOUSE SUMMER

Our summer season at the house is underway! We've welcomed both familiar faces and new friends. The textile display showcases many items from our collection throughout the house. We've also made changes to the artwork on display, including an Adelaide Magner painting of the Nicollet County Fair, which is now in the dining room. Self-guided tours are held on select Saturday afternoons through August 30. We hope to see you there!

### Self-Guided Tours:

**Dates: July 5th & 19th,  
August 2nd, 16th & 30th**

**Time: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.**

**Admission: Free-will donations  
are always  
appreciated!**



**Black Beaded Wedding Purse.**  
Given in 1921 by Joel Hanson to his bride, Martha Keckeisen, this black beaded purse was part of her wedding trousseau.



**On display in the dining room is a stunning five-piece floral dimity dress that belonged to Alma Schumacher Laumann of St. Peter.**

## TRAVERSE DES SIOUX



The Traverse des Sioux prairie trail is currently undergoing important revitalization work, having been closed since June 2. Thanks to the generous grant from the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation, the Minnesota Historical Society is enhancing the pathway by resurfacing two sections to create a smooth, compacted surface, ensuring that the main loop meets ADA compliance standards. Additionally, two interpretive panels and a bench are being relocated from a flood-prone area to a newly designed cul-de-sac trailhead complete with a bench pad. These carefully planned upgrades will significantly improve visitor access and experiences while honoring the site's natural and historical importance.

Recently, MNHS reported that the resurfacing project is on schedule, and barring any complications, the trail is set to reopen before the end of June. In addition to these improvements, visitors can look forward to updated exhibit panels in the near future, part of a separate but ongoing initiative by MNHS.



## COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT

by **Anna Simmons**, Collections Assistant

Constrained by the limited space on ships, immigrants were restricted in what they could bring with them on their journey to America. In addition to the basic necessities, only a few prized possessions could be singled out to accompany them on the journey.

In 1858, Martha McConnell emigrated with her mother from Scotland to Minnesota. One precious item that accompanied her was the needlework sampler she had made as a girl. Completed in 1839 when she was about twelve, Martha must have been extremely proud of her craftsmanship to choose this item to bring along with her—nearly twenty years after she had created it.

Samplers were an important part of a girl's schooling. Typically made of linen cloth and silk thread, they were a tangible representation of a girl's education. Although they were made to practice stitches and improve needlework skills, they were also a means to learn the alphabet, numbers, and other basic educational enrichment. Martha's sampler consists of numbers and alphabets in different fonts and her family members' initials, and is embellished with flourishes and patterns all around the edges. As a final gesture, she has signed and dated her work at the bottom: Miss Martha McConnell, June 1839.

Martha married Frederick Clasen in 1860. During the 1862 U.S.-Dakota War, Frederick was killed and Martha, along with their two children, was taken captive for six weeks. She later married Duncan McGowan in Nicollet County in 1865 and lived here until her death in 1914.

Martha's sampler is a unique piece in our collection that not only is a showcase of her embroidery skills, but also served her as a remembrance of the life she left behind for new adventures in a new home.



1839 sampler created by 12-year-old Martha McConnell.





# NCHS EVENTS



## Cox House Self-guided Tours

**July 5 & 19, August 2, 16, & 30 @ 1-4:00 p.m., Cox House**

Step inside the beautifully preserved 1871 Cox House at the corner of Washington Avenue and Skaro Street in St. Peter. After a brief welcome, you'll receive a printed guide to help you explore the home at your own pace and imagine what life was like in Victorian-era Minnesota.

New this year is a special display of historic garments from the Nicollet County Historical Society's collection, featuring period fashion, fabrics, and finely stitched details from the past.

Tours are offered by free will donation. Please note that the house includes stairs and uneven ground and is not fully accessible.



## Log Cabin Workshop

**July 12 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., History Center, free**

Mark Johnson of Artisan Restoration in Kasota will teach us how cabins were built and maintained in the past. If you're interested in participating, please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty. This event is free, and no registration is required.



## hiSTORY hangout

**Monthly on 3rd Thursday @ 10 a.m., History Center | Upcoming dates: July 17, Aug. 21, & Sept. 18**

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



## Community Affairs on KNUJ Radio

**July 22, August 26, & September 23 @ 9:15-9:35 a.m. | KNUJ Radio AM 860 or FM 107.3**

Get the latest updates from NCHS on Community Affairs. Listen to KNUJ Radio every fourth Tuesday at 9:15 am to stay informed.

## Documentary Film Series on Hiatus

We're pressing pause on our fall Documentary Film Series. The company that previously provided affordable films with unlimited audience licensing has gone out of business, and the cost of securing viewing rights has become prohibitive for now.

NCHS and St. Peter Community & Family Education are actively exploring funding options and alternative distributors. Until we find a workable solution, or a sponsor, we'll be taking a short break. We hope to resume the series in the spring.

**\*Interested in becoming a sponsor?** Contact Jessica Becker at 507-934-2160 or [director@nchsmn.org](mailto:director@nchsmn.org).



## Shadows at the Crossing: Spirits of Old Traverse des Sioux

**October 3 & 4 · 6-8 p.m. | Traverse des Sioux & Treaty Site History Center**

Step into the past on this immersive outdoor, lantern-lit tour that brings the history of Minnesota Territory to life. Along the way, you'll encounter the spirits of those who lived at Traverse des Sioux during its most pivotal years. Their stories of courage, conflict, resilience, and cooperation offer a deeper understanding of our shared history.

Once a key gathering place along the Minnesota River, Traverse des Sioux boomed after the signing of the 1851 treaty, but its prosperity was short-lived. Today, little remains of the once-thriving town, making this event a rare opportunity to explore its layered legacy.

**Tickets: Adult (18+): \$12 | Senior (65+): \$10 | Youth (ages 12-17): \$5 | MNHS & NCHS members receive a 20% discount**

**Recommended for ages 12 and up due to the interpretive nature of the program.**

**Advance purchase recommended. Walk-ups will be accommodated as space allows.**

**Tickets go on sale Friday, September 13 at [nchsmn.org/events](http://nchsmn.org/events) or by calling 507-934-2160.**



## Dolls of the Dark

**October 24, 6-8 p.m. | October 25, 6-8 p.m. | October 31, 6:30-8 p.m.**

**Suggested donation of \$5 per person. | Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

Step into the Cox House this Halloween season for a unique and intriguing experience.

The house will be quiet. The halls will be dim. And in the soft, flickering light, our dolls will be waiting for you...

You are invited to a three-night-only display of dolls from the Society's collection, along with select pieces from private collectors. Explore the house to reveal the forgotten playthings hidden within the storied walls.

## Halloween Night at the Cox House

**Trick-or-Treating | Friday, October 31, 5-6:30 p.m.**

Stop by the Cox House for Halloween treats. We'll be handing out candy to all the little ghosts and goblins.

**Dolls of the Dark | Friday, October 31, 6:30-8 p.m. | Suggested donation of \$5 per person.**

After dark, the doors open for the final night of Dolls of the Dark, an unsettling experience featuring a chilling collection of dolls that seem to be waiting for something... or someone. A parent or adult guardian must accompany all minors.

## REMEMBRANCES

### *We remember*

with honor the following friends  
and members whom we lost  
since the last *Crossing* of 4-10-2025.

- ◆ Steve Grams
- ◆ Carl & Susan Johnson
- ◆ Nancy Luker
- ◆ Narve Nelson
- ◆ Thorild "Tory" Nelson
- ◆ David Schauer
- ◆ Vicky Schmidt
- ◆ Agnes Stensby
- ◆ Glenn Wasicuna

## MEMORIALS

received by NCHS since the last  
*Crossing* of 4-10-2025

In Memory of **Lois Annexstad**  
Given by Ken & Patsy Rossow

In Memory of **Carl & Susan Johnson**  
Given by Marlin Peterson  
Evie Swenson

In Memory of **Betty Maas**  
Given by Evie Swenson

In Memory of **Tory Nelson**  
Given by Donna Giefer  
Ardith Nelson  
Ken & Patsy Rossow  
Evie Swenson  
Peter & Laurie Wentzel

In Memory of **Herb Poncin**  
Given by Loren & Roxanne Sundboom

In Memory of **Agnes Stensby**  
Given by Anna Geiszler  
Scott Hermanson  
Ken & Patsy Rossow  
Caren Stensby  
Janet Swanson  
Evie Swenson

## MONETARY DONATIONS

received by NCHS since the last *Crossing* of 4-10-2025.

Steve & Betsy Hogberg  
Peggy Kreber &  
Warren Wagner

**Archives**  
Steven & Becky Briggs  
Andy Hopp

## MATERIAL DONATIONS

received by NCHS since the last *Crossing* of 4-10-2025

**Cathy Becker** - Corelle dishware  
**Wayne Johnson** - Rotating desk organizer for the archives  
**Edi Thorstensson** - White tablecloths for collections care

## MEMBERSHIP RECAP

Thank you to the following renewing  
and new members of NCHS since the  
last *Crossing* of 4-10-2025

**Renewed  
Business Partner Members:**  
eholz graphix / Eileen Holz  
Patrick's on Third

**Renewed Supporter Members:**  
Kate Martens  
Dennis & JoAnn Schmidt

**Renewed Patron Members:**  
Patty & Darryl Breitenfeldt

### **Renewed Family Members:**

Ray & Liz Jacobson  
Lisa & Bruce Martens  
Bob & Melissa Martens  
James & Jamie Martens  
Joe, Kay & Cordelia Metzen  
Janet & Byron Nordstrom  
Bruce & Marci Norell  
Jeff & Tami Skinner  
Gerald & Peggy Wolfe

### **Renewed Senior Members:**

Joyce Gardner  
Lou Ann Mayhew  
Margaret Muchow  
Mary Ann Scharf  
Dennis Sjorgen  
Nancy Zins

### **New Family Members:**

Tim & Dr. Ruth Collins  
John & Tamara Mayer

### **New Individual Members:**

Stephanie Thull

### **New Senior Individual Members:**

David Boys

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.



# 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

## Event/Program information:

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

### continuing on display

<i>Smithsonian Journey Stories</i>   through July 5th, details on page 5	History Center
<i>Nicollet County Townships</i>   details on page 5	History Center
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<b>Aug. 8</b> MAF Giving for Good catalog closes, details on page 2	
<b>Aug. 16</b> Cox House Self-Guided Tours, 1–4 p.m., FREE/donations accepted   details on page 7	Cox House
<b>Aug. 21</b> hiSTORY hangout, 10–11 a.m., FREE   details on page 9	History Center
<b>Aug. 25</b> Last day to give for <b>Keep Our Lights on Summer Fundraiser</b> , details on page 1	
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<b>Sept. 18</b> hiSTORY hangout, 10–11 a.m., FREE   details on page 9	History Center
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<b>Oct. 3 &amp; 4</b> Shadows at the Crossing, 6–8 p.m., \$12 / \$10 / \$5 / MNSH & NCHS member 20% discount   details on page 9	History Center & Traverse des Sioux
<b>Oct. 24</b> Dolls of the Dark 6:00–8 p.m., Suggested donation of \$5 per person   details on page 9	Cox House
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