



Keeping Up With The Past

The Huntley Historical Society News

Preserving and Presenting Huntley History

Upcoming Events

December 6-31 —Very Merry Huntley History Decorated Tree at the Village Hall.

December 10—Culver’s Night Fundraiser, 4-8:00 PM.

Show and Tell

Yes, show and tell just like in elementary school but all Huntley history! The Society is planning to hold some Huntley History Show and Tell sessions. You will have an opportunity to bring photos, documents, and items that directly relate to Huntley and to share them at an informal get together. It should be interesting to see what shows up and to hear the stories. Be thinking about what you could bring to share. Watch for date, time and place announcements on our website and Facebook page.



The Society Artifact Collection

The Society has been collecting Huntley artifacts and memorabilia since it was formed. Currently, the Village of Huntley is providing storage space in the basement of the Village Hall.

The Society Collections Committee is working to define the collection policy and is researching collections management and care policies. If you have Huntley items and wish to donate, email the Society, huntleyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

New to the Collection

The May-June newsletter issue featured the c.1933 GE Monitor Top refrigerator which belonged to the great grandparents of donor Leigh Ann Ahrens Porsch. Well, now the fridge has a companion. A Roper gas stove has been donated by Society member Megan Oldham Sommer. The stove was original to her great grandparents, Alfred and Anna Akerberg Swanson. Both Alfred and Anna immigrated from Sweden but met and married in the U.S. The Swansons farmed and raised Alve, Mabel and Percy west of town on Marengo Road before renting a Deicke farm which now is the Bakley development surrounding ‘Ol Timer’s Park. The farmhouse still stands south of the park and houses Bakley Construction. In a short time, the Swanson’s son, Percy, and his family took over the farm as Alfred and Anna retired to a home nearby on Church Street. The stove is from the 10906 Church Street home. The stove is a late 1930’s to early 1940’s model and probably started out in the main kitchen but in later remodeling, ended up in the basement summer kitchen. Alfred and Anna’s daughter, Mabel, married Harley Mackeben and lived in the Church Street house until they both passed away. Megan lived in the house for a few years and acquired the stove. Harley Mackeben and his sister, Ida, were active in the community and have a school named for them. Both the stove and the fridge are at the Deicke-Stowell farmhouse at the Park District.

Lonni Swanson Oldham, Society Member

