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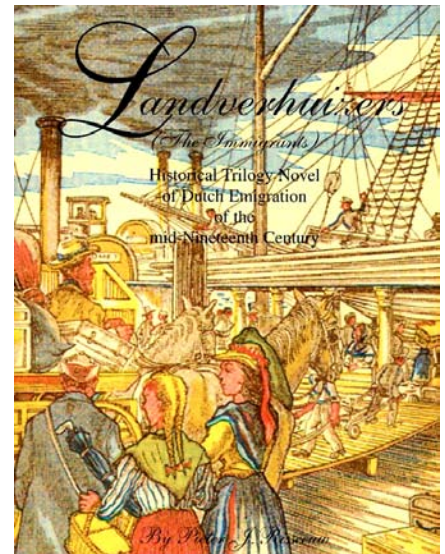
Sheboygan County's Doorway to the Past

September 2009 – Annual Report

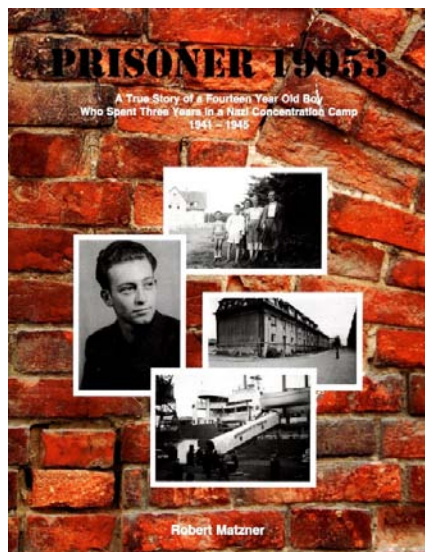
The Year in Review

September 2008 - More than 600 people attended the three-day SCHRC-sponsored conference- The Dutch-American Experience in Wisconsin, 1850-Present. Lecturers and conference attendees came from the Netherlands, Canada and twenty-two different states. This first of its

kind study of Dutch immigration to the state of Wisconsin was deemed a great success. As part of the conference two books, *Landverhuizers* or the Immigrants and *I close with my pen, but not with my heart*, were published. Fifteen speakers, a bus tour, a genealogy contact day and a number of classes rounded out the event. One highlight of the conference was the live audio/video presentation by Yvette Hoitink from her home in the Netherlands. The conference was sponsored in part by a grant from the New York based Netherlands- America Foundation and a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council.



October 2008 - The first week of October was spent recovering from the conference, completing the previous fiscal year's reports and requirements and processing new acquisitions. Yard cleanup, the semi-annual fumigation of the building and winterization filled the month. Local architect, Jennifer Lehrke of LJM Architects, gave the October Second Saturday's program, *Sheboygan County's Historical Landmarks*, to a packed crowd of nearly 100.



November 2008 – Prisoner 19053 – Sheboygan resident, 053 Robert Matzner, had a very important story to tell. Friend, Larry Vogel, helped him put pen to paper. The result is Prisoner 19053, the true story of Matzner's three years in Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland. Matzner, a native of Poland, lost most of his family to the Nazi's Final Solution. He somehow survived the horror and came to the United States and Sheboygan with his family in 1949. Robert and Larry have written a remarkable document, a story full of sadness and hope which will touch all readers. The introduction, written by Robert's son, Murray, is a poignant tribute and a great beginning to



we see the William and Kathryn Thomas Richardson family including children Bill and Susan, taken in 1944.

December 2008 - SCHRC received a generous bequest from the estate of William H. Richardson. Bill was the owner of J.S. Richardson of Sheboygan Falls and a long-time supporter and friend of SCHRC. He understood the importance of preserving local history and making it available to everyone, and because of his generosity the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center will continue to do just that. Along with the monetary donation SCHRC received a great collection of photos, one of which is seen at left. Here

January 2009 - TIME LINES 2008 is released featuring stories about Sheboygan’s Fish Fry tradition, Mary Alice Fox, Our 1959 ‘Almost Miss America’, William Paine, A World Class Tinkerer and Surveyor, Fly Tier Helen Shaw Kessler (photo at right) and Rhine Center’s Old Abe. **TIME LINES** is a collaborative publication between the Sheboygan County Historical Museum and the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center.



Meiselwitz Funeral Home and Carolyn Johnson of Kiel made another substantial donation of records to the Research Center.

February 2009- Millersville, Wisconsin, the last in a series of historical compilations of small towns is published by the Research Center and its Howards Grove Historical Research Committee. Arline Hoppe and Robert Spindler were project leaders. Past projects of the committee include histories of Mohrsville, Haven, Pine Grove, Zolltheis Log House, Spring Corners and Ada.

Planning began for the first Sheboygan County History Expo, a fundraising activity, which was designed to bring the historical community together and at the same time raise a bit of money for general operations.



March 2009- The Legacy Society held its annual spring get-together. Legacy society members gathered to socialize and celebrate SCHRC’s successes. Catered by Director of Development, Mary Risseuw, the food and drink was great as usual.

Lilian Dominicus, seen at left, a reporter of the Provinciale Zeeuwse Courant, a local newspaper which appears in the Dutch province of Zeeland visited SCHRC. She traveled the northeastern United States in

search of Zeeuwse traces in the landscape left over the past 400 years by explorers, pirates, colonists, merchants and emigrants. Lilian found her way to Sheboygan Falls and because of the Internet she helped spread word of SCHRC's mission and great collection.

April 2009- The Research Center launched its second annual campaign to raise money for general operations. Historical bookmarks were distributed as keepsakes for prospective donors. Although the results were less than hoped for in this troubled economy, a respectable return was had and SCHRC gained eleven new Legacy Society members bringing the total to thirty-six.

The Plymouth Historical Society, led by President Jim Stahlman, shared a valuable donation with the Research Center- A scrapbook which documented the long and illustrious history of the Plymouth chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. PHS kept the original document, but SCHRC has a copy of the document and all of its accompanying genealogies ready for researchers.

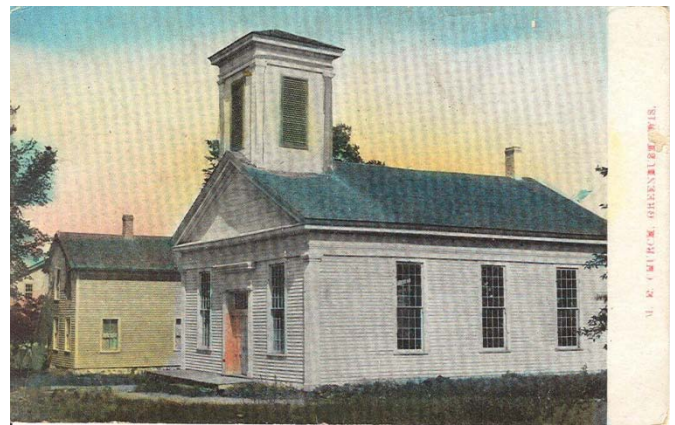
May 2009- The first annual Sheboygan County Local History Expo was held on May 4th 2009 at Range Line Inn. More than 250 people attended this new fund raiser; it was also a great way to meet with others in the historical community, and to share the area's great local history accomplishments with the public. The Sheboygan County Historical Society and SCHRC were co-hosts. Other organizations participating were the Aviation Heritage Center, Centreville Settlement, Inc, Heritage School, Indian Mound Park/Town and Country Garden Club, New Holstein Historical Society, Oostburg Historical Society, Plymouth Historical Society, Random Lake Historical Society, Wade House Historic Site and WEST/ Wisconsin's Ethnic Settlement Trail.



The sixth full season of Second Saturdays- Journeys Into Local History came to a close with landscape architect and historic preservationist, Alan Pape, giving an armchair barn tour of Sheboygan County. Ninety-five people attended this presentation bringing the total attendees of 2008-2009 Second Saturdays to 917.

June 2009- SCHRC continues to receive large numbers of collection items. Among them a 125-piece photo collection of the Caljouw and Gerrit Ver Velde families and a number of items from the H.C. Prange family.

July 2009- A collection of 415 scans of postcards from Sheboygan, Calumet, Fond du Lac and Washington Counties was accessioned. These postcards focused on churches and religious buildings in the area. Greenbush Methodist church is seen at right.



August 2009- SCHRC was awarded the Public Programming Award of 2008 by the Wisconsin Historical Society for its conference, The Dutch-American Experience in Wisconsin from 1850-Present.

**Sheboygan County Historical Research Center
Recommended Budget 2009-2010**

	Budgeted 2008-09	Actual 2008-09	Budgeted 2009-2010
Revenues			
Direct Funding:			
Foundations/Grants	\$50,000.00	\$46,253.00	\$50,000.00
Memberships	\$34,000.00	\$16,087.00	\$20,000.00
Supporting Orgs.- SCHS	\$4,250.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
General	\$38,000.00	\$28,709.00	\$30,000.00
Memorials and Bequests	\$212,500.00	\$270,340.00	\$90,000.00
Federal Tax Refund	\$0.00	\$13,505.00	\$0.00
Special Events:			
Annual Campaign	\$36,000.00	\$14,601.00	\$20,000.00
Dutch Conference	\$0.00	\$3,280.00	\$0.00
Local History Expo	\$0.00	\$1,184.00	\$1,500.00
Mill House Sales			
Store Sales	\$12,500.00	\$24,335.00	\$20,000.00
Photo Sales	\$600.00	\$373.00	\$500.00
Services:			
Copier Usage	\$1,100.00	\$806.00	\$1,000.00
Query Service	\$600.00	\$2,044.00	\$1,500.00
Postage	\$225.00	\$246.00	\$250.00
Outreach:			
Classes/Workshops	\$825.00	\$1,054.00	\$1,000.00
Speaker's Bureau	\$675.00	\$370.00	\$350.00
Meeting Income	\$1,800.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Miscellaneous	\$360.00	\$131.00	\$150.00
includes: Stock Dividends and Misc. Interest Earned.			
Total Receipts	\$393,435.00	\$428,018.00	\$240,950.00

Expenditures

Operations:			
Errors and Omissions			
Ins.	\$0.00	\$910.00	\$910.00
Wages	\$114000.00	\$134992.00	\$135,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$10200.00	\$9176.00	\$9,200.00
Employee Benefits	\$13500.00	\$10270.00	\$15,000.00
Workmen's Comp Ins.	\$500.00	\$551.00	\$600.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$230.00	\$514.00	\$600.00
Equipment Rental- Copier	\$5000.00	\$3061.00	\$3,500.00
Postage and Delivery	\$2400.00	\$4101.00	\$4,200.00
Professional Fees-			
Auditors	\$3500.00	\$4100.00	\$4,100.00
Professional Fees-			
Website	\$3000.00	\$2344.00	\$3,500.00
State of WI- Regis Fee	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$45.00

Internet Expense	\$960.00	\$897.00	\$720.00
Computer Repairs	\$0.00	\$325.00	\$325.00
Equipment Repairs- DW	\$0.00	\$2006.00	\$0.00
Office/Archival Supplies	\$5000.00	\$9580.00	\$5,000.00
Office Equip- Computers	\$2196.00	\$3209.00	\$3,000.00
Federal Tax Payment	\$0.00	\$13246.00	\$0.00
Bank Charges- Checks, etc.	\$114.00	\$79.00	\$100.00

Building:

Lawn Care	\$0.00	\$292.00	\$300.00
Snow Plowing	\$2000.00	\$1700.00	\$2,000.00
Liability/Fire Insurance	\$2700.00	\$2137.00	\$2,300.00
Building Repairs	\$3000.00	\$4421.00	\$5,000.00
Housekeeping	\$300.00	\$170.00	\$150.00
Telephone	\$1080.00	\$848.00	\$900.00
Gas	\$1800.00	\$1701.00	\$1,800.00
Water and Electric	\$2200.00	\$2163.00	\$2,200.00

Development:

Mill House Purchases	\$8500.00	\$16606.00	\$8,500.00
Photo Department	\$600.00	\$430.00	\$200.00
Display/Promotion	\$2400.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Quarterly/Annual Meeting	\$1600.00	\$1215.00	\$1,500.00

Programming:

Second Saturdays	\$1800.00	\$943.00	\$1,800.00
Dutch Conference	\$14000.00	\$14269.00	\$0.00
Local History Expo	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$500.00

Miscellaneous Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
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Total Expenses	\$202,720.00	\$246,546.00	\$213,350.00
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Employer ID#- 39-1550801 We are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.



SCHRC Mission Statement:

The Sheboygan County Historical Research Center serves the public by collecting and preserving the written documentation and images of Sheboygan County.

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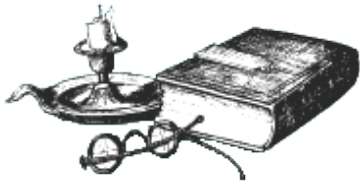
Seven paid personnel and 77 volunteers staffed the SCHRC during fiscal year 2008-2009. Volunteers totaled more than **10,000 hours** of volunteer time in service to the Research Center. These hours do not reflect the hundreds of extra hours spent participating in outside activities, either at home or at public functions.

The Research Center membership numbered **1197 members** for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Newsletters were mailed six times per year, some as exchanges to other historical organizations, some to friends and the remainder to our loyal members.

During the past year more than **3000 people visited** the Center to do research, purchase books and tour the historic Millhouse. Researchers came **from 31 states, Canada, England, the Netherlands and Germany.**

Friends of the Center donated items for **250+ different archival collections.** Our librarian cataloged 163 items including 65 genealogies.

The research staff answered **150 written queries** from across the globe. The SCHRC website received on average 75 hits per day. Staff answered upwards of **4800 e-mail questions.**



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