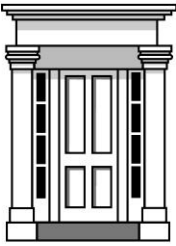


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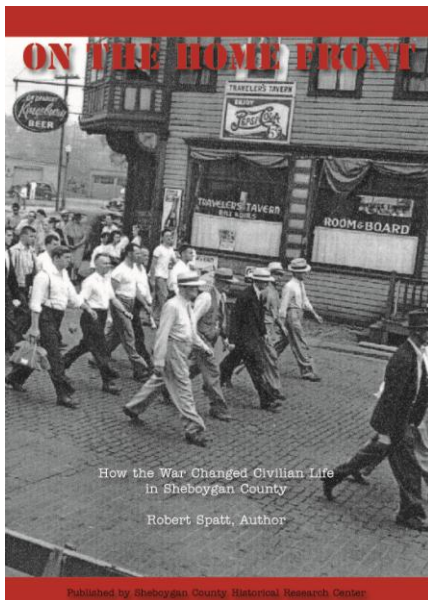
# The Researcher

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## New Local History Books Available

**NEW FOR 2009:** A History of (City of) Sheboygan Public Schools by Don Lau and The Home Front, How WWII Changed Civilian Life in Sheboygan County by Bob Spatt. The books will be **available by Thanksgiving**, just in time for holiday gift-giving. Call now to reserve your copies!



The Home Front is a chronological account of daily life for Sheboygan County residents and how it changed dramatically during World War II. The story is told by way of the actual headlines, story excerpts, photographs, editorials, and advertisements as published in Sheboygan County newspapers at that time --- the Sheboygan Press, Plymouth Review, Sheboygan County News and Random Lake Times. All of the items selected and included in The Home Front came from the listed newspapers that were published between December 8, 1941 and August 23, 1945. The Home Front sells for \$20.00. (\$1.00 tax for WI residents and \$4.00 shipping)

A History of Sheboygan Public Schools documents the growth of education in the City of Sheboygan. Don Lau has documented the many, many schools that existed in the City of Sheboygan

throughout the years. Did you know that Sheboygan had a Day School for the Deaf, A Fresh Air School- Tuberculosis- as part of the Third Ward School and was the first home of Lakeshore Technical College? A History of Sheboygan Public Schools, 512 pages, sells for \$25.00 (\$1.05 tax for WI residents and \$4.00 shipping).

Pages 2-7 of *The Researcher* are the annual catalog of local history books available for holiday shopping. The books are sale-priced, many up to 40% off. They are priced to sell quickly, so don't delay. Order now so you won't be disappointed.

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Closed Thursday, November 26, 2009 for Thanksgiving.

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## Holiday Book Orders

A Bit of the Old Sod - Bernard Michaels-- \$15.00. Shipping and handling-\$4.00. Soft color cover. Once

again Bernard Michaels tells the poignant story of immigration and settlement of the Irish in Sheboygan County. This book gives an account of the Byron-Lima Settlement, a span of some thirty miles in which over 600 Irish families settled. The community's irregular borders ran from Kennedy's Corners in Lima to the frame church of Byron's St. John. The town of Mitchell, Sheboygan County is at the heart of this story.

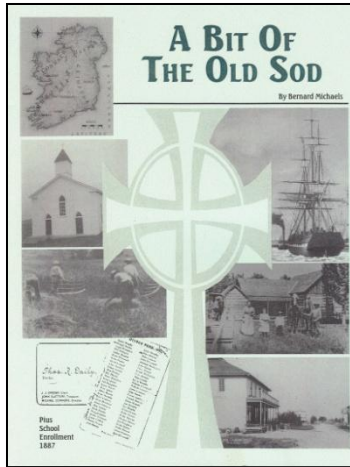
A Look at Sheboygan County-100 Years of History of the Sheboygan Press, The Press and SCHRC- Hardcover- \$25.00, \$4.00. Shipping and handling. \$2.00 tax. 2007.

Battle for the Ballot-- Elmer Koppelman--\$5.00. Shipping and handling-\$4.00. 275 pages. Soft color cover. Comb binding. A fascinating look at Sheboygan County's presidential races from the beginning of the county's involvement in national government (1848) through the 1988 election where George Bush defeated Michael Dukakis.

Branded Hand--Elmer Koppelman--\$4.00. Shipping and handling-\$3.00. 90 pages. Soft cover. The story of Captain Jonathan Walker and his abolitionist adventures. Captain Walker was intimately connected with the rural community of Winooski in Sheboygan County. Involved in the anti-slavery movement, he was immortalized in John Greenleaf Whittier's poem entitled, *The Man With the Branded Hand*.

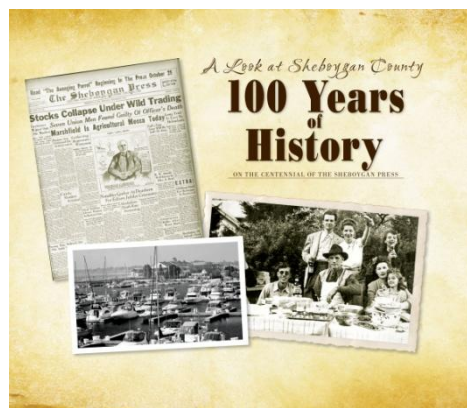
Born's Park-- Scott Lewandoske- \$12.50. Shipping and handling-\$4.00. 240 pages. Soft color cover. Born's Park was built in 1882 by Charles A. Born. It was located between St. Clair and Michigan Avenues, and 14th and 15th Streets in the city of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. It served at various times as a spa, natatorium, sanitarium,

influenza hospital and monster dance hall. The business closed on February 22, 1920, but the property was not sold until 1927 when it was subdivided into 16 lots.

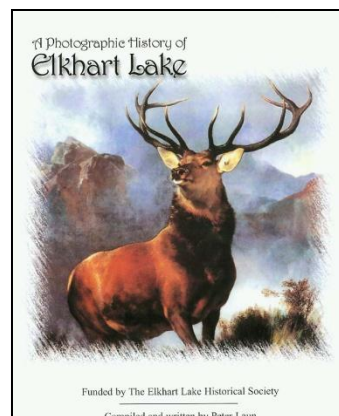
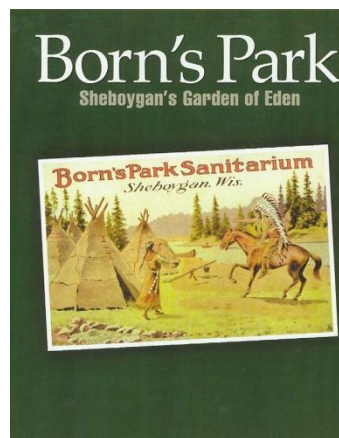


Chairs, A History in Sheboygan County-Janice Hildebrand--\$8.00. Shipping and handling-\$3.00. 65 pages. Soft color cover. Sheboygan, Wisconsin, known for years as "Chair City" has been home to such companies as Phoenix Chair, Northern Furniture Company, Mattoon, Crocker Chair, Bemis-Riddell, Thonet, R-Way and more. This book traces the history of furniture making in Sheboygan County from the mid-1800s to present day companies.

Down By Prange's- Bill Wangemann-- \$14.00. Shipping and handling-\$4.00. 149 pages. Color softcover. This book is a compilation of a wide range of articles that appeared in the Sheboygan Press during 2003, and was originally written at the request of the Sheboygan Press to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Sheboygan.



Elkhart Lake, A Photographic History- Peter Laun-- \$15.00. Shipping and handling-\$4.00. 125 pages. Soft color cover. Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, home to Road America today, was once a summer vacation retreat to thousands of city dwellers from Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis. The trains and interurban brought them to enjoy the cool breezes and waters of Elkhart Lake, Crystal Lake and Little Elkhart Lake. This volume discusses Joseph Moore, the founder and many other colorful characters of the village. It reminds us of Villa Gottfried, the Schwartz Hotel, Siebken's, Pine Point, Osthoff and Camp Brosius. Photos accompany each story.



Great Surveys and Great Surveyors of Sheboygan County by Edgar Harvey. \$13.00, \$4.00 shipping and handling, \$0.50 tax. 2007. 35 pages. This book deals with many of Ed Harvey's predecessors as Sheboygan County

Surveyors. Harvey, after years of research, found that they included men of great character, and others whom we could term "shysters". Although they were humble surveyors while they worked in Sheboygan County, some of these men invented great things, or were otherwise involved in major events which changed the history of the entire nation or the world. One man worked on the Brooklyn Bridge project. Another worked on the Panama Canal. An interesting and fresh way of analyzing Sheboygan County History.

History of the Schools in the Town of Holland by Don Lau. \$20.00. \$4.00 shipping and handling, \$1.25 tax. 2007. 250 pages. Schools highlighted here are Jefferson, South Cedar Grove, West Oostburg, Beaver Creek, Maple Grove, Fairview, Greene, Amsterdam, River Valley, West Cedar Grove, Liberty, Lakeview and Hoard. Many photos are included.

History of the Schools in the Towns of Herman and Mosele. Roland Schomberg. \$20.00. \$4.00 shipping and handling. \$1.25 tax. 2008 reprint with updates and revisions. Schools covered: Russell, Taft, Garfield, Little Elkhart Lake, Joliet, Elkhart Lake, Harrison, Dewey, Lime Ridge, Rhine Center, Victory.

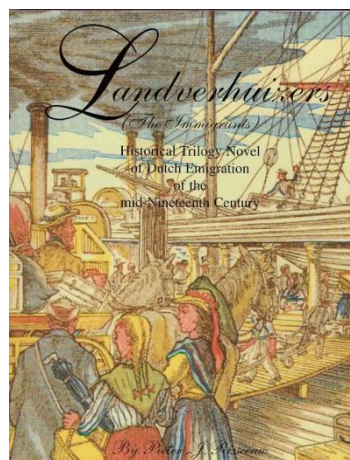
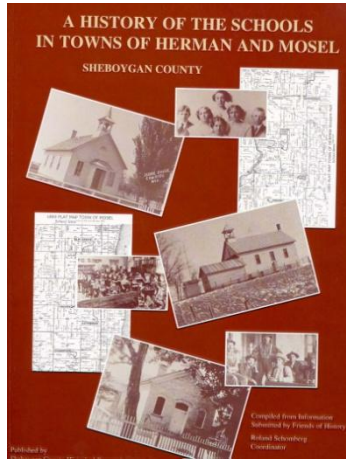
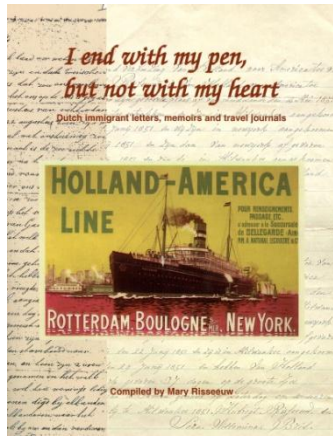
History of Schools in the Village of Oostburg—June VerVelde and Lone Heinen--\$20.00. Shipping and handling--\$4.00- 385 pages. Soft cover, color cover. This book covers Oostburg school history from 1899-2005. A great timeline gives the reader a wonderful overview of what happened educationally and socially in Oostburg, Wisconsin.

**Also History of the Schools:**

Catholic Schools in Sheb. Co.  
 Lutheran Schools in Sheb. Co.  
 Christian Schools in Sheb. Co.  
 Town of Lyndon, Town of Mitchell, Town of Plymouth, Town of Scott, City of Sheboygan Falls, Town of Sheboygan and Village of Kohler and Town of Sheboygan Falls. **\$20.00 each.** Hardcover. \$4.00 shipping and handling.

I End With My Pen,  
 But Not With My Heart

Dutch immigrant letters, memoirs and travel journals. Compiled by Mary Risseeuw. 2008. \$15.00



plus tax. \$4.00 shipping and handling. 150 pages of great primary source information from immigrants from the 1840s to the 1950s.

Jim's Brother-- Richard Dykstra--\$14.95. \$4.00 shipping and handling. Thirty-five short stories about growing up in rural Wisconsin. Local author, Rich Dykstra, brings his Dutch roots to life.

Jim's Brother II... Things I Forgot to Tell You -- Richard Dykstra -- \$14.95. \$4.00 shipping and handling. Dykstra provides a middle-child's view of life in rural Wisconsin during the 1950s and 1960s. This book deals with common themes most readers will relate to.

Kneever's Hotel, The A Sheboygan County Landmark--Earl and Charmaine Kneever--\$12.00. \$4.00 shipping and handling. This book traces the history of the Kneever's Hotel in Sheboygan, WI from when the land was partitioned in 1842 until fire destroyed the building in 1978. The hotel's main drawing card was the delicious homemade food at an affordable price. Recipes for 23 of these classic dishes are included in the book. 80 pages.

The Landverhuizers or The Immigrants by Peter Risseeuw is a 250 page historical trilogy novel of Dutch emigration of the mid-nineteenth century. This wonderful book is a new English translation made available for the first time. Originally published by Bosch & Keuning N.V. Baarn, Holland in 1947, this version was

translated and condensed by C.L. Jalving, Holland, Michigan. The translation was published with permission by the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center with partial funding by the Netherland- America Foundation of New York. The Landverhuizers is available now at SCHRC and sells for \$20 plus tax. \$4.00 shipping and handling. 250 pages.

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Leather, A History in Sheboygan County--

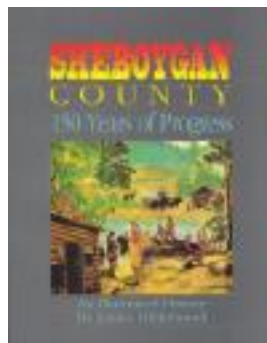
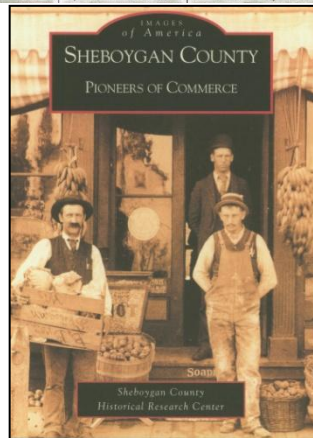
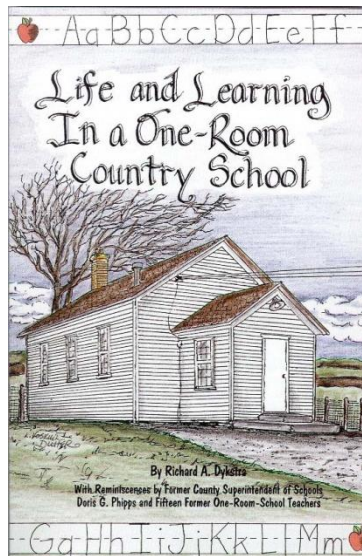
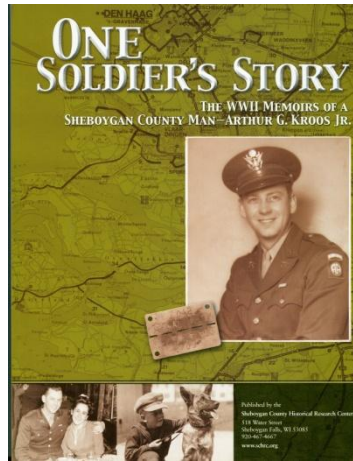
Janice Hildebrand--\$8.00. \$3.00 shipping and handling. 72 pages. Soft color cover. Published in 1995. In Sheboygan County there was a lively trade with the Indians for deer hides and other animal skins. Barter with the Indians brought the first traders to the county in the early 1800s. The tanneries of the county were an offshoot of the fur-trading days and were among the first clothing-related businesses to get started in Sheboygan

County. Everything from shoes to gloves to harnesses were made of leather. Follow the history of the leather business in the county.

Life and Learning in a One-Room Country

School-- Richard Dykstra-- \$14.95. With Reminiscences by Former County Superintendent of Schools Doris G. Phipps and Fifteen Former One -Room School Teachers. \$4.00 shipping and handling. One room schools served as the cornerstone of rural America's educational system for more than a century. During much of that time the schools were at the center of a controversy about how rural children should be educated. Theories on what to do with one-room schools ranged from upgrading facilities to closing the schools down altogether. By the mid-1900s, the latter theory prevailed and most small rural schools were forced to close. Share the bygone days of the 3Rs. Each teacher adds interesting insight to the topic.

Millersville, Wisconsin – Millersville Historical Research Group, Arline Hoppe, Rita Milbrath, Robert Spindler, Violet Usadel -- \$14.00 – 187 pages. Published 2008. The history of the area dates back to 1846 when the first immigrants found their way along the Pigeon River and settled in the area. At first the two settlements were known as Howards and Mueller Villa, later becoming Howards Grove and Millersville. But in 1967, the two communities incorporated as Howards Grove-Millersville, becoming Sheboygan County's 10<sup>th</sup> village, the fourth largest. It also brought the village fame with its cumbersome 24-letter title, the longest in the state. Eventually, the city dropped Millersville and took Howards Grove as its



proper name. This book follows the history of just the Millersville portion of the area.

Mitchell, Now and Then- Parnell Palls 4-H--\$6.00. \$3.00 shipping and handling. 56 pages. Published 1998. Soft color cover. An update of the 1976 history of the town of Mitchell. Expanded to celebrate the state of Wisconsin's sesquicentennial, this look back at a very Irish township is always interesting.

One Soldier's Story- The WWII Memoirs of A Sheboygan County Man-Arthur G. Kroos Jr.--\$14.00. \$4.00 shipping and handling. 110 pages. This is the story of one Sheboygan County soldier, Arthur G. Kroos, Jr., from his enlistment in Company F, 127th Regiment, 32nd Division in the fall of 1940, until release in 1945. Mr. Kroos was chosen to serve a stint as Aide-de-Camp to General Matthew Ridgway. He was trained as a paratrooper seeing service in Northern Ireland, North Africa, Sicily, Italy and on D-Day in France. His final military foray took place in a glider as part of Operation Market-Garden. He was shot down over the Dutch island of Schouwen and spent eight months as a POW at Luft Stalag 1 in Barth, Germany. This book contains his own diary from Luft Stalag 1 and entries from a scrapbook created by his wife, Patty. This is not your average WWII story. It is local history at its best.

150 Years of Progress- Sheboygan County--An illustrated history by Janice Hildebrand--\$22.00. \$4.00 shipping and handling. 140 pages. Soft color cover and color photos. This book covers The Beginnings of a County; Yankees, Immigrants, and the Civil War; Chairs, Cheese and Children; the Kohler-Vollrath Dynasty; The Rise of Communities; Through Two World Wars; Sheboygan County Today-1988.

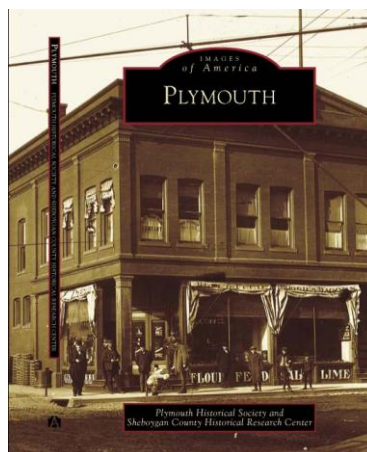
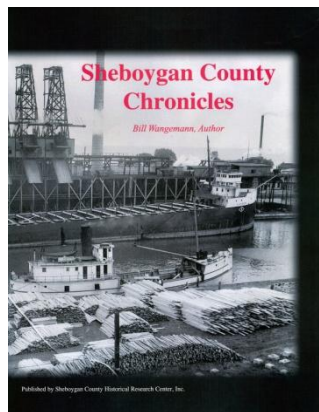
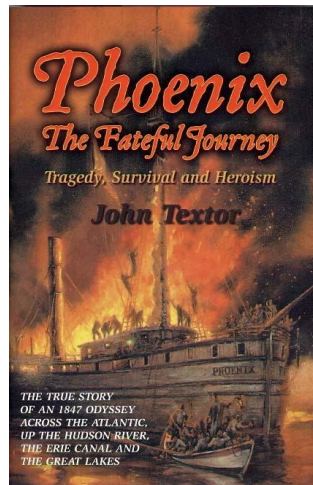
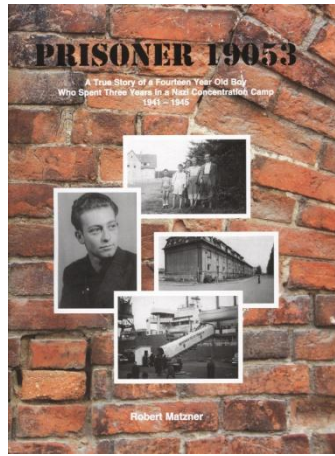
Oostburg, Wisconsin, Haven of Hope in a New Land- Oostburg Historical Society-- \$20.00. \$4.00 shipping and handling. Oostburg, Wisconsin is a small settlement of Dutch immigrant origin in south central Sheboygan County. This history, done by avid local historians to preserve some of the past will hopefully provide memories and enlighten readers to the hard work and dedication of the early pioneers.

Out of the Phoenix--Descendants of Survivors-\$4.50. \$3.00 shipping and handling. 60 pages. Soft cover. On November 20, 1847, the propeller ship, Phoenix, caught fire and burned to the water line off the shore of Sheboygan in Lake Michigan. She carried about 175 Dutch immigrants, many of whom perished that horrible day. The survivors carried on, settling in Cedar Grove, Oostburg, Gibbsville, Sheboygan and Manitowoc. This book is a tribute to those lost and the survivors. It is a remembrance of the tragedy, 150 years later.

Phoenix- The Fateful Journey, Tragedy, Survival and Heroism -- John Textor -- \$15.00. \$4.00 Shipping and Handling. Hard Cover. 234 pages. Published 2006. This is the story of the November 1847 sinking of the propeller ship, Phoenix, from a new perspective. Most of the fatalities were of new Dutch immigrants and this book tells of how life might have been different had the catastrophe not happened.

Plows Among the Eskers-- Bernard Michaels--\$15.00. 81 pages. \$4.00 shipping and handling. Soft cover. Comb binding. A story of the settlement of the northern Kettle Moraine in Sheboygan County, Wisconsin focusing on the town of Mitchell.

Plymouth, Wisconsin. Plymouth Historical Society and SCHRC. 2006. \$ 19.99. Shipping and handling \$4.00. 128 pages. Soft cover. Plymouth, originally considered a "hub" city because of the hub and wheel factory located there, it has also earned that



moniker because of its central location between Milwaukee and Green Bay. Tourists flock to Plymouth year round to visit the variety of shops, to golf, swim and ski, or explore the beautiful Kettle Moraine State Forest. Residents are proud of their heritage, which can be seen at sites throughout the city. Visit Plymouth through this wonderful tribute using historic photographs. This volume is a collaborative project between Sheboygan County Historical Research Center and the Plymouth Historical Society. Many photos.

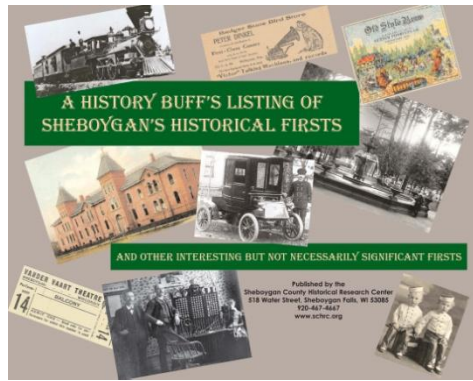
Prisoner 19053. Robert Matzner. 2008. \$15.00. \$4.00 shipping. It is the true story of Matzner's three years in Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland. Matzner, a native of Poland, lost most of his family to the Nazi's "Final Solution". He somehow survived the horror and came to the United States and Sheboygan with his family in 1949.

Remembrances of Ada – Howards Grove Historical Research Group, Doris Henschel -- \$13.00. Shipping and handling \$4.00. Comb binding. Ada was one of four small trading places (Howard, Franklin, Edwards and Ada) in the township in 1912. Ada consisted of a hotel, cheese factory, store and blacksmith. The population of town Herman in 1910 was 1,913, the majority of whom were Germans. This hamlet, located on the old Calumet-Sheboygan Plank Road twelve miles northwest of Sheboygan has a name of unknown origin.

Sheboygan County Chronicles by Bill Wangemann, \$14.00-- 2005 and 2006 Sheboygan Press columns, 2007. This is a collection of Sheboygan City Historian, Bill Wangemann's 2005 and 2006 Sheboygan Press articles.

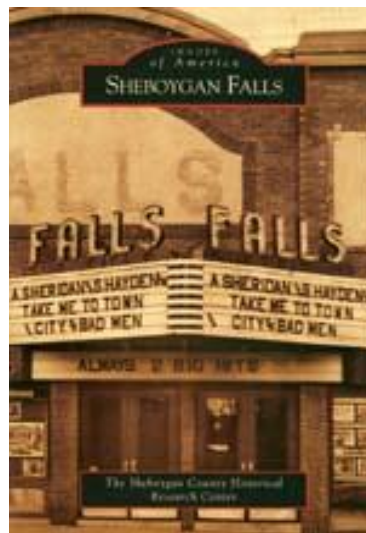
Topics include Memories of Railroads, Electric Rail or the interurban, maritime stories- The Burning of the Niagara and The Mysterious Loss of the Pere Marquette 18, movies, TV and drive-in theater, Garton Toy and its fire, the stumpff fiddle and so much more.

Sheboygan County-Pioneers of Commerce- Jan Hildebrand, Elmer Koppelman, Jim Rindt, Beth Dippel--\$19.99. \$4.00 shipping and handling. 128 pages. 200+ photos. Soft cover. Sheboygan County's iron-fisted work ethic began with its earliest residents. From the jackknife trading posts and mill wrights of the early 1800s to the spas and "Great Wall of China" of Kohler Company, the importance of commerce to Sheboygan County is evident. This wonderful pictorial history of the small family-owned business of Sheboygan County begins in the 1870s and ends with a great image of a 1950s American Classic-McDonald's Golden Arches.



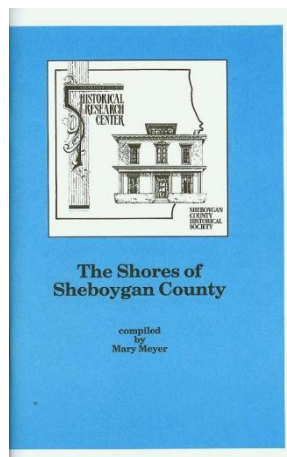
surprises. Some of the firsts are obscure such as the first bratwurst stand, the first department store, the first female principal of a school, the first baby born in Sheboygan; Others, such as the city founder, Farnsworth, and many of the sporting events, maybe remembered by many. The final chapter is entitled "Et Cetera." Here are little known

Sheboygan County and the Spanish-American War--Elmer Koppelman--\$14.00. \$4.00 shipping and handling. Elmer Koppelman continues his research on the Spanish-American War with this book, which focuses on the activities at home during the War. Newspaper articles, advertisements, letters to and from soldiers, activities in support of and against the war, are all documented here. It is a wonderful companion book to *The Journal of the Spanish-American War*.



firsts that don't fit into any category – Peter Dinkel and his canaries, Clemens Reiss the first to cross the city's new Eighth Street Bridge in 1923, the street sprinkler who sprayed water on the dusty dirt streets and other obscure first facts. A book to pick up and read a chapter at a time then casually sprinkle conversations with a "did you know that...."

The Journal of a Spanish-American War Volunteer- Translator: Rev. Clarence Schmidt. Editor: Elmer Koppelman. \$10.00. \$4.00 shipping and handling. 118 pages. Soft cover. Comb binding. Reprint in 2008. This is the war-time diary of Sergeant Otto Burkart, a war correspondent of the *National Democrat*. Burkart, a resident of Sheboygan, was a member of the Wisconsin Volunteers, Company C under the command of C. U. Born. This military action followed the sinking of the U.S. Battleship Maine in the harbor of Havana, Cuba on February 15, 1898. It is a story of Cuba's struggle for independence from Spain, and America's involvement through the eyes of a son of Sheboygan.



Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin- Images of America--Janice Hildebrand, Elmer Koppelman, Beth Dippel--\$19.99. \$4.00 shipping and handling. -- 128 pages. 200+ photos. Soft color cover. 2005. Originally platted as the village of Rochester, Sheboygan Falls took shape in the late 1830s and 1840s. Settled by Yankee entrepreneurs from the East, "Sheboygan at the Falls" was a strong settlement from the beginning, surviving even the financial panic of 1837. A city of Greek Revival and Cream City brick architecture, Sheboygan Falls boasts two districts listed on the National Historic Register.

Sheboygan Mayors -- Scott Lewandoske -- \$10.00. \$4.00 shipping and handling. 71 pages. Published in 2006. Includes biographies of all of the city of Sheboygan's part-time and full-time mayors. Many photos.

Sheboygan's Historical Firsts by Bob Spatt- \$15.00, \$4.00. Shipping and handling. \$1.00 tax. 2006. The City of Sheboygan has many interesting and important "Firsts". This book documents many of those items. There is bound to be a chapter for every interest and although residents of Sheboygan will know many of these firsts, there are a lot of

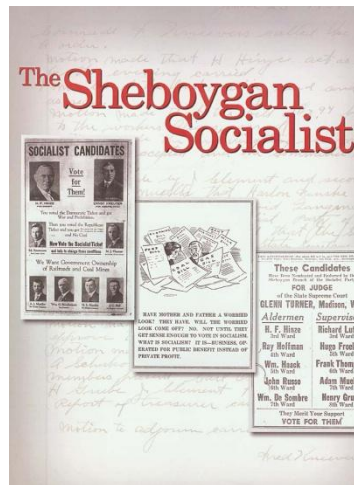
Shores of Sheboygan County--Mary E. Meyer--Local History--\$8.00. \$3.00 shipping and handling. 50 pages. Soft color cover. A compilation of the history of the port of Sheboygan, complete with photos of the harbor and the ships that plied its waters. Histories of harbor industries included.

Tales from the Rails of Sheboygan County-- Peter Fetterer--\$10.00. \$3.00 shipping and handling. Soft cover, comb binding. Compilation of great newspaper articles following the history of the railroad in Sheboygan County. Some are humorous, some are serious, and some are downright shocking. Great reading for the railroad enthusiast and amateur alike.

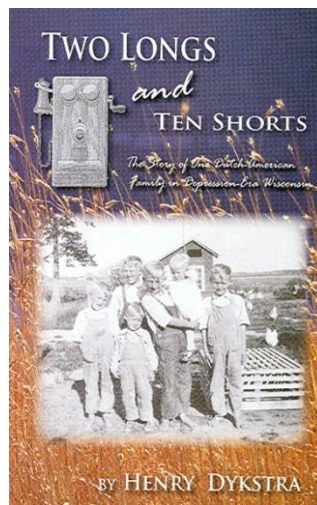
The Sheboygan Socialists- Earl E. Kneevers Jr. and Charmaine Chopp Kneevers -- \$10.00. \$4.00 shipping and handling. 184 pages. Soft color cover. Published in 2003. During the late 19th and early 20th century, there was a relatively strong Socialist movement in the United States. Sheboygan, Wisconsin was one of those cities that had an active Socialist Party. The movement believed in public ownership and democratic management of the basic means of production and distribution. A strong leader of the Sheboygan movement was Fred Kneevers, whose history as a struggling worker with a family to support and with Socialist beliefs, brought him into the hotel and restaurant business to support his family when known Socialists were not welcomed in privately run businesses. The Kneevers' Hotel was a successful meeting place of the Socialists.

Two Longs and Ten Shorts – Henry Dykstra -- \$14.95. \$4.00 shipping and handling. Includes recollections of the author's childhood in Wood County, Wisconsin during the 1920s and 1930s. While the title sounds like a very long number from an old crank-style telephone, it actually refers to the two parents and ten children in the author's family. Dykstra moved to Sheboygan County in 1941, and farmed there for over fifty years.

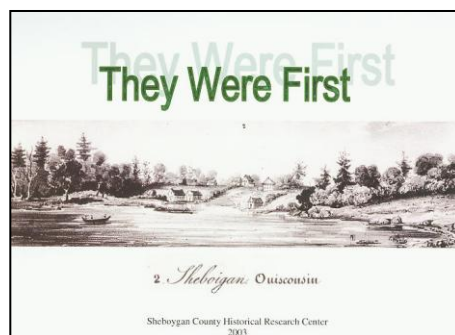
The Ultimate Sacrifice- Sheboygan County's World War II Casualties-- Elmer Koppelman-\$18.00. \$4.00 shipping and handling. 450 pages. Soft color cover. Perfect Binding. 2004. The citizens of Sheboygan County have always gone above and beyond the call of duty in times of military need; the Second World War was no different. Some 3000 young



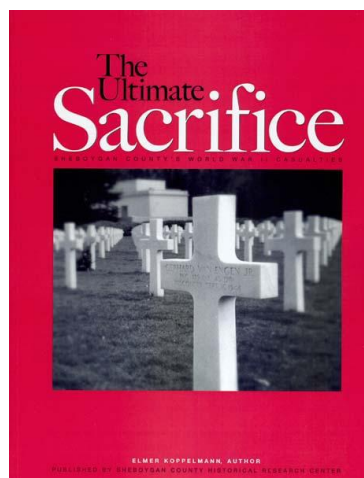
men and women served during World War II on all fronts and in all capacities from this county alone. Recorded here, after eighteen months of searches and interviews, are vignettes of 234 soldiers- one young woman and 233 young men from the Sheboygan County area who lost their lives. Four others- Joseph J. Archbold, Elmer C. Prahl, Roland Thompson, and Douglas Thornberg are noted as making the ultimate sacrifice, but regrettably, no information was found other than their names.



They Were First- Janice Hildebrand-\$8.00. \$3.00 shipping and handling. 50 pages. Soft color cover. Spiral binding. This book is a tribute to the City of Sheboygan on its sesquicentennial year 2003. The area that is now the city was settled years before 1853, but the city was not chartered until then. This book documents 45 men and women who were important in Sheboygan's early years. Each bio contains one or more photos.



"Unser Choe" : All Bases Covered - Kurt Thuemmler -- \$10.00. Shipping and handling - \$4.00. 61 pages. Soft cover. Published in 1998. Joe Hauser was a personification of all that baseball was and should ever be. Born on January 12, 1899 in Germany, Joe Hauser played baseball during the 1920s and 1930s- the sport's Golden Age. This biography of Joe Hauser also documents a five-year friendship between the author and Hauser which started as a school project and remained long after the project was complete. (A number of copies are available with an autographed 1924 baseball card of Hauser. The cost for book and card is \$20.00 plus tax and shipping.)



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## **Local History Calendar**

Monday, November 9, 2009- Genealogy Class at SCHRC, Finding Your Irish Roots-  
1:00-3:00pm, \$15.00 non-members, \$10.00 members

Thursday, November 26, 2009 – SCHRC Closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 14, 2009 – Jerry Apps at the Sheboygan Falls Library 9:30am to 11:30am (Second Saturdays)

Saturday, December 5, 2009 – Main Street Memories, Sheboygan Falls Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 12, 2009 – Bruce Allison and Wisconsin's Champion Trees at the Sheboygan Falls Library, 9:30am to 11:30am (Second Saturdays)

## New Acquisitions

Descendants of Berend Oonk Wiekamp genealogy  
Gele Hardware ledger  
The Solberg Saga- genealogy  
Chopp Family information- family file  
Plymouth Chapter AARP #2019 meeting minutes  
Lawson, Robert family history  
Footprints through Farmington- A Walk Down  
Memory Lane.  
St. John of God Catholic Church, 1859-1998  
Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Cedar  
Grove, church directories 1973-1995  
U.S. Lake Survey, Manitowoc and Sheboygan maps  
1969  
Kaland genealogy from West Kappelle  
Porter family information  
George and Ida Schilstrais family story  
Sharpe Genealogy  
Abraham Johnston Genealogy  
Edward Doty Five Generations book, genealogy-  
Descendants of the Mayflower Society silver book  
Letters from Wilhelm Ubbelohde  
Joslyn/Joslin Genealogy

## SCHRC Announcements

You can support SCHRC in a number of ways.  
#1- Please Renew your membership if you haven't  
done so. RENEW, RENEW, RENEW.  
#2- Please purchase local history books,  
memberships and gift certificates for holiday gifts.  
#3- Give a gift membership- just \$25- for a holiday  
gift.  
#4- Give a gift certificate to the Mill House Store for  
a holiday gift.

## Notice of SCHRC By-Law Change

After 26 years in business it was decided that  
SCHRC's by-laws need a bit of renovation.  
Technology has changed and so has the  
organization. Government requirements have also  
made it clear that the document needed a bit of  
updating. The board of directors will discuss and  
then vote on an updated version of the  
organization's by-laws at the BOD November 18,  
2009 meeting. Any member wishing to view and  
comment on the proposed changes may get a copy  
of them prior to the November 18, 2009 by calling  
Beth at 920-467-4667.

*Sheboygan Press*, October 22, 1926- Ancestor Worship is based on the principle of handpicking one's  
ancestors. Hardly anybody can go back many generations without finding all kinds- scallawags mixed with the  
virtuous, morons along with the talented, incompetence as well as achievement. Tracing family pedigrees is  
merely obtaining an account of one's descent from an ancestor who did not particularly care to trace his own.

## Receive Your Researcher Electronically!!

*The Researcher* is now available electronically in a PDF format. Your switch to an electronic  
format will help SCHRC in a couple of ways. #1- It will save money, money for postage and  
printing. #2- It will save paper, a great deal of paper. So, if an electronic copy works for you-  
return this form with your name, mailing address and email address. Or you can email Katie at  
[katied.schrc@att.net](mailto:katied.schrc@att.net) to switch to electronic format.

An added benefit of receiving *The E-Researcher* is that it is available in full color- All pages  
and all photos can be seen in color.

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**Sheboygan County Historical  
Research Center 2009 Genealogy  
Classes**

Mondays 1:00-3:00pm  
Classes held at SCHRC, 518 Water  
Street

Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085  
Call 920-467-4667 to register.

**Class Prices**

\$15.00 for Non SCHRC Members

\$10.00 for SCHRC Members

November 9, 2009– Irish Research

December 14, 2009– Genograms: Examining your  
family medical history and using death records.

DNA research.

**Second Saturdays- Journeys Into Local History**

Sheboygan Falls Memorial Library  
9:30am to 11:30am

November 14, 2009

Blue Shadow Farm and Jerry Apps

Jerry Apps, born and raised on a Wisconsin farm, is Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the author of more than 25 books, many of them on rural history and country life. Apps has a new novel, BLUE SHADOWS FARM coming out in August 2009 (University of Wisconsin Press). Jerry will talk about how he uses historical facts—all Wisconsin rural history—to tell a story about rural life that both entertains as well as informs. He'll read excerpts from the novel Blue Shadows Farm. It is the third in his Ames County Series. Fictional Ames County is located in central Wisconsin. Its primary towns are Link Lake and Willow River.

**December 12, 2009**

Wisconsin's Champion Trees and R. Bruce Allison

Dr. R. Bruce Allison, a professional arborist in Madison since 1974, is a tree enthusiast and expert. He and his team have documented hundreds of Wisconsin's finest and biggest trees. A champion tree is the largest recorded tree of its species. Champion trees have been officially recorded in Wisconsin since 1941. WISCONSIN'S

CHAMPION TREES, a book by Bruce Allison, contains the location and measurements of 153 species of Wisconsin champion trees. Dr. Allison will enlighten us with his love of the land and introduce us to some of Wisconsin's finest natural resources.

**An Irish Twist for the Holidays**



Mark your calendars!

The 4th Annual Celtic Christmas Tea is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 1:00PM to 3:00PM. It will take place at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 420 E. Mill Street, Plymouth. This is a joint effort between the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center, the Plymouth Historical Society and the Sheboygan Chapter of Celtic Women International.

Jim Wilsing, Celtic musician skilled in the tin whistle, bagpipes and much more will provide a musical Irish/Christmas background for the event. Coffee and tea, brown bread and other Christmas treats will be served.

The event is open to the public and free of charge, although donations are accepted. Call The Research Center at 920-467-4667 for questions. Snow date is set for December 12, 2009.

**SCHRC Wish List**

You can help SCHRC in a number of great ways. The Center can always use :

- Clear Garbage or Blue Recycling Bags
- Sheboygan Falls City Hall sells 100 of them for \$20.00
- 44 cent stamps, rolls or books
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs, large wattage
- Reams of 8 ½ x 11 colored 20lb. paper, beige, blue, green, etc.
- Reams of 8 ½ x 11 white copy paper
- A new cordless phone

# German Genealogy

familytreemagazine.com

A linguistics professor by the name of Arta Johnson was a genealogist with a knack for storytelling. One of her favorite yarns was about a researcher who came to her, frustrated that he'd found the name of his family's village of origin on the immigrant ancestor's tombstone, but had never found the town on a map.

When asked the name of the town, he replied, "Gross Herzogtun, Baden" which, as it turns out, isn't a village name, but German for "Grand Duchy of Baden." So don't make the same mistake, familiarize yourself with these other place names related to the type of noble who ruled them:

**Furstentum:** Principality – a territory ruled by a Fürst, German for Prince. **Grafschaft:** Often translated as county, which gives an incorrect sense of the word in English. A Grafschaft was ruled by a Graf, German for county, so countship might be a better translation. **Herrschaft:** Land ruled by a local lord, or Herr. **Herzogtum:** German for duchy, ruled by a Herzog (duke). **Konigreich:** Territory ruled by a König (king). **Kurfürstum:** A principality whose prince was also one of the electors of the Holy Roman Emperor. **Reichstadt:** A free imperial city of the Holy Roman Empire. **Rittergut:** A knight's estate, which at times was an independent territory. For a complete chart of German noble titles, visit [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German\\_nobility](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_nobility). Most German nobles' surnames were preceded by the preposition von (meaning *of* or *from*), but don't jump to the conclusion that your Von Kleindorf ancestors were bluebloods. In the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, noble families had little incentive to emigrate – the von was more than likely added in America.

# Meyers Orts - Step by Step

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The seminal handbook for tracking down German villages goes by the title *Meyers Orts- und Verkehrs-Lexikon des Deutschen Reiches*. You'll find this resource on Ancestry.com, but it takes a little help to use effectively. Here's a 1-2-3 from the folks at the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society:

1. On the Ancestry.com home page, go to the link for Card Catalog.
2. Enter the words *Meyers* under Database Title and click Search.
3. Click on the search result *Meyers Gazetteer of the German Empire*.
4. In the Location search box, enter the name of the town. Don't check the "exact matches only" box.
5. If you don't get any hits or wind up on the wrong page, go back to the Location search box and enter at least the first three letters of the town name followed by an asterisk (\*).
6. Search the results for the town or one that sounds similar to the spelling you have, and call up the page from *Meyer Orts-* by clicking View Record, then View Original Image.
7. If you discover several towns with the same name, look for the one or two that are in the correct German state.
8. See Wendy K. Uncapher's *How to Read and Understand Meyers Orts-* (Origins, \$8) to interpret what you find.

[GenealogyBank \(www.genealogybank.com\)](http://www.genealogybank.com) is a leading online genealogical resource from NewsBank, inc. Featuring a wealth of exclusive material-including [modern obituaries](#) and [historical newspapers](#), [books](#), [pamphlets](#), [military records](#), [government documents](#) and more-[GenealogyBank](#) helps you discover fascinating information about your family history.

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# The Mulvey Family of Sheboygan County

From My Mulvey Heritage by Bergeta F. Monroe

The Mulveys were an Irish family who came out of Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim just before the famine and relocated to London, presumably in search of a better life- which really meant- food. They were part of an extended Irish immigrant family, all of whom lived near each other in Ireland and later settled in Sheboygan County about the same time. Along with the Mulveys came James, John and Edward Masterson, nephews of Rebecca Masterson Mulvey. The McMullen family was also related to this group through Alex McMullen who married Kathryn Kennedy whose mother was Mary Masterson, a sister of James, John and Edward. The Mastersons and McMullens settled in the Town of Holland just east of St. Patrick's Church. Patrick Hackett, a cousin of the Mulveys, came to Wisconsin and located on a farm in the town of Sherman just west of St. Patrick's. A new genealogy, which will be arriving at SCHRC shortly, has been written by Bergeta F. Mulvey Monroe. The following is a brief intro to that history.

Our Wisconsin Mulveys were all children of Henry and Rebecca Masterson Mulvey of Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim, Ireland. Records are sketchy, but it seems that the Mulveys stayed in Leitrim until Rebecca died and then the family moved to England.

Patrick E. Mulvey was born February 25, 1824. As a young man he left Leitrim for Dublin, in search of work where he eventually sold potatoes. He also worked as a house-to-house salesman of tin ware and other household goods using a horse and wagon for transportation. Patrick left Carrick-on-Shannon and Ireland permanently in 1848. After three months at sea he landed at New York, the first of the Mulveys to come to America, and then found work in Rochester, New York as a grocer. After earning enough money he sent for his brothers Francis and Henry. Patrick and wife Ann, whom he met and married in New York, moved to Wisconsin in 1864, settling first in the town of Holland. Within the year, Ann Chapman Mulvey died and was buried at St. Rose of Lima cemetery. Ann and Patrick had five children, three of whom are buried in the East. Patrick married a second time to Bridget Hynes at St. Rose. They later settled in Waupaca County. Sister Jane Mulvey was also born at Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim, Ireland about 1829. She came to America and married Patrick Kinney in Rochester, New York. The couple moved to Waupaca County, Wisconsin, where Jane died of consumption in 1881.

Francis Mulvey , came to America with his brother, Henry. Francis married Bridget Miley, daughter of Martin and Mary Lynch Miley at St. Rose. This family stayed in the area. Brother Henry married Mary McGuire of Buffalo, New York. They settled in Hingham and Henry worked as a wagonmaker. They later moved to Clark County.

My Mulvey Heritage is more than 300 pages in length and has more than 125 photos included. Bergeta also produced a great DVD that accompanies the written genealogy.

The photo at right shows the Frank Mulvey farm home taken in August 2009. It is currently used as a single car garage.

This farm home is located at Five Corners, at the intersection of County Hwys V and I southwest of Sheboygan Falls.





