

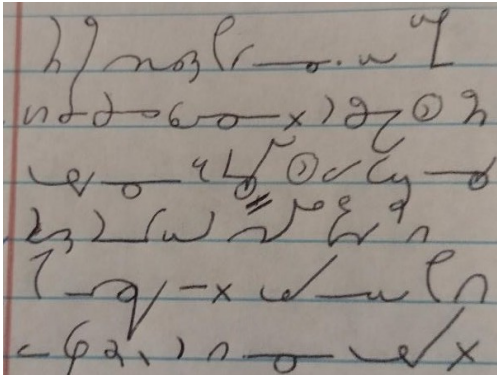
EAGLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Oct 2023



SHORTHAND TRIVIA



(See page 2 for translation & page 6 for answer.)

CASH DONATION

Steve Muth \$50



The holidays are not too far off. Why not stop in and take a step back in time as you view the vintage Christmas decorations in our Victorian Barrister bookcase? If you enjoy our newsletters, why not purchase a subscription for a friend or family member? We also have room for more bricks in our Veterans Memorial Walkway. For details on how to honor a loved one, please contact Elaine Ledrowski at 262-594-3301 or elaine@ledrowski.com.

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Visit us at the museum as we join other Eagle area businesses for this community event sponsored by Eagle Business Association.

Please check your address label for the year "2023" to determine your renewal status. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Neist at 262-594-8961 or curator@eaglehistoricalsociety.org. Thank you.

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Saturdays: 9 am-Noon

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Ice Cream Social and Eagle/Palmyra Band Concert



Cake & Ice Cream Crew



Future musician?



Ed Pierce & the P/E Community Band



Enjoying the concert under the old oak trees



A happy audience!

Photos above by Art Peavy.

Open House



The Kettle Moraine Blues



Scott Bovee & John Steinke tour the museum.

Thank you:

KM Blues,
EHS members,
and our Food
Committee for
making this a
great event.



Bill & Jackie Adams.

Photos above by Elaine Ledrowski.

Picnic with the Police



Jeff Nowicki, Art & Carrie Peavy connected and interacted with visitors of all ages answering questions from many interested in what EHS has to offer the community. Children enjoyed trying to beat the clock while sorting vintage key chain rings.

Photos above by Art Peavy.

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Shorthand Translation: Have you ever been curious about the meaning or origin of your family surname? For example, if your last name was Schneider, what profession might folks from the old country expect you to be engaged in? Read more about this on page 6. Is your name listed?

Artifact Donations

This is a partial list of items donated.
Thanks to the following donors:

Mark Braatens—	Photo Hegwood home
Ruth Long—	Wheeler article, 2 photos
Marie Rice—	Five postcards, receipt from Jericho Creamery

Take Me To Your Leader

By Mike Rice

Many of us wonder where we came from and what the people were like who came before us. This is also true when looking at our hometowns. Who were our leaders, what were they like, and what kind of things did they go through to get us here?

One EHS member tried to find just that, a list of Town of Eagle Chairmen. But after searching Town records, found that there were none. She came to the Eagle Historical Society Museum for help, where EHS staff joined in the research project scouring archived articles from the *Eagle Quill* and *Waukesha Freeman* newspapers.

Among the many things found were that the current Town of Eagle Chairman, Chris Mommaerts, is the first woman to hold that position, and Lynn Greenberg was the first female Village of Eagle President to hold that position from 2001-2003.

While the research project isn't complete yet, we've been able to fill in a lot of information for both Town and Village of Eagle leaders but can use your help. Take a look at our current information and if you have anything to add or correct, please contact us via phone (262-594-8961) or email at curator@eaglehistoricalsociety.org. We appreciate your help.

Town of Eagle Chairmen

Name	Start	End
	?	?
Marvin H Bovee	1852	?
David G Snover	1859	1869
Francis G Parks	1869	1873
John C Snover	1873	1877
Mathias J. Regan	1877	1880
William E Hennessy	1880	1885
Thomas J Brady	1885	1887
John A Lins	1887	1890
Thomas J Brady	1890	1892
Henry M Loibl	1892	1894
Thomas J Brady	1894	1895
Francis Draper	1895	1896
John J Tuohy	1896	1897
Lansing E Hall	1897	1899
Thomas J Brady	1899	1910
Romeo F Sprague	1910	1911
John H Mueller	1911	1918
John J Marty	1918	1922
John Mueller	1922	?
Anton Steinhoff	1931	1933
John M Von Rueden?	~1930's~1940	?
John Lidicker	1942	1947
Roy Burton	1947	1949
John Lidicker	1949	1953
Harry Berlick	1953	1957
James Bovee	1957	1973
Carl Seitz	1973	1977
Waldo Shearer	1977	1978
John Auberger	1978	1987
Don Wilton	1987	2005
Todd Gillette	2005	2007
Robert Kwiatkowski	2007	2019
Don Malek	2019	2023
Chris Mommaerts	2023	

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Village of Eagle Presidents

Name	Start	End
Edward Bossingham	1899	1910
Frank Draper	1910	1911
Arthur Belling	1911	1913
Frank Kloppenburg	1913	1914
Henry Faestel	1914	1920
Henry Loibl	1920	1925
Harry Smart	1925	1928
J.V. "Bud" Atkin	1928	1930
Paul Beckett	1930	1934
Henry Loibl	1934	1936
C.L Shearer	1936	1939
Henry Loibl	1939	1941
Edward Kuetter	1941	1943
Arthur Judes	1943	1953
Bruno Wingerter	1953	1958
Edward Kuetter	1958	?
Donald Jones	1967?	1971
Angus Turner	1971	1975
Rasmus Kalnes	1975	1978
Alan Curler	?	?
Allen Salmela	?	2001
Lynn Greenberg	2001	2003
Richard Spurrell	2003	Present

By Janet Evans

Joachim Marty mounted his horse and rode out into the stormy night to round up his cattle. The lower pasture tended to flood during heavy rain, and he was concerned that the cattle would get mired in mud and possibly drown in the rising water.

Seven years prior, Joachim took possession of his 80 acres of land by volunteering to fight in the Wisconsin 9th Infantry in the Civil War. He had recently immigrated from Switzerland and saw the opportunity to earn money and get a land grant from the federal government to start a new life in the United States. After the war, he married another Swiss immigrant, Anna Legler, in Clarno, Wisconsin, and headed west to claim his land. There, they had three children and built their farm on the side of Half Mound, a bluff near what was then Grasshopper Falls, Kansas.

Unfortunately, Joachim did not fully realize his dream of building a new life, for on that fateful night in Kansas while searching for his cattle, he and his horse were struck and killed by lightning. His faithful dog survived and waited near his master until a search party found them the next morning.

His widow Anna and their four children moved back to Wisconsin to be closer to family. The eldest boy, John Jacob Marty, met his future wife, Lillian Collins, in New Glarus, Wisconsin, and they were married in 1893. They farmed for a time in Dayton and then moved to Waukesha County when John purchased a farm consisting of 400 acres on the corner of what is now Sprague Rd. and Hwy. NN at Jericho. They loaded all their worldly goods onto a boxcar at Brodhead and unloaded it all at Eagle. Their belongings were carted to the farm by horse and wagon.

The farm, known to the family as “the ranch”, was set on gently rolling hills, level fields, woods, and some low land where Jericho Creek ran through the property. The previous owner had built a large home containing bedrooms on each side of the house and a large dining room in the middle of the house. Looking at it from the front, it appeared to be two houses joined together. There was also a horse barn, cow barn, machine shed, a barn for storing grain and a stone smokehouse.



Marty Farmhouse, 1918

John and Lillian had six children: Donald, Fern, Beatrice, Elmer, Harold, and Robert. Large families were common at that time when many hands were needed to run the farm.



John & Lillian Marty

John raised alfalfa, oats and corn. The alfalfa provided lots of hay, enough to fill both the cow and horse barn. They harvested marsh hay from the area where the land was too wet to grow crops. They raised horses, cows, chickens, ducks, and geese, and smoked their own hams.

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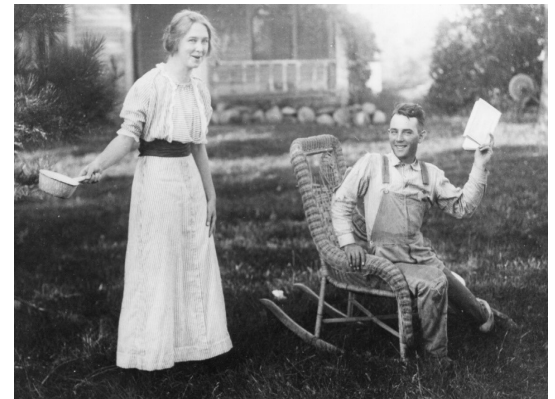
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John Marty had a fine orchard, so plums, pears, apples, and berries were always in good supply. He was well known for raising sweet, delicious watermelons. His secret to producing good melons was, according to his daughter Fern, cow manure. Lillian had a large garden in which she grew a variety of vegetables. In the fall, jars of tomatoes, pickles, beets, and corn lined the shelves in the cellar along with barrels of potatoes and carrots. She canned jars of black raspberry sauce and pears and made strawberry and other fruit jams. Lillian baked her own bread, and according to family legend, was a wonderful cook. She did all her cooking on a wood cook stove and hauled water from a well behind the house.

Lillian was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, "OES", and John was a Mason. They attended meetings and functions at the Rob Morris Chapter of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodge. The OES and Masonic philosophy focus on community service, support of others, and education among other virtues. Fraternal organizations were an important social outlet, especially back in the days when rural living could be somewhat isolated.

In addition to farming, John served as Eagle Town Chairman, tax assessor for the Township and as an election worker at the polls. His granddaughter, Dorothy Bovee, remembered seeing him working on election days when she went along to the polls with her parents.

John and Lillian's children grew up and stayed close to home. Donald, the eldest, took over the farm after returning from a brief stint in World War I. He married Phyllis Wrighton from Waukesha. Their daughter Jean married Dave Evans from Genesee. It was Donald who was instrumental in starting the Rob Morris Chapter of the Eastern Star in Eagle. Until then, people had to go to Palmyra or Dousman for meetings.



Fern and her brother Donald mugging for the camera. Photo by Sidney Sprague.

Fern married Jamie Bovee and they lived on the Bovee homestead on Hwy. 99, now Hwy. LO. They had two children, Dorothy and James Marty Bovee.

Elmer married Beulah Hess and they farmed on Hwy. 59 near Hwy. X. Elmer also worked for the Industrial School for Boys; he managed the farm program there where boys from the city learned the hard work of farming. Elmer and Beulah eventually retired to Florida. Their son Gordon and his wife, Gerry Orth, then ran the farm until they retired to Florida.

Beatrice lived and worked in Waukesha as a hairdresser, in Eagle as a phone operator, and Palmyra as a waitress at Wayne's Restaurant. Sadly, she died in an auto accident in Florida in 1971. Auntie Bea was a good friend to her nieces, nephews and remembered kindly by her grand nieces and nephews as having a fun sense of humor.

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Wisconsin Surnames and Their Origins

By Dana Houk

*Wisconsin became home to immigrants from many European countries between the 1850s – early 1900s including Germany (over 50,000 families), Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, and France.

Surnames/Country of Origin in Oak Ridge Cemetery:

Germany	British Isles (England, Scotland, Wales)	Ireland	France
DeWitt	Bowey	Brewin	Bovee
Gruber	Crawley	McGill	Leppard
Hansen	Frederick	Parsons	Marty
Hoppe	Hall		Monty
Lutz	Hinkley		Rich
Muecke	Lippitt		Richart
Reish	Marclay		
Rockteacher	Nelsen & Nelson		
Schneider	Partridge		
Stamisch	Rowlend		
Thomas	Sargent		
Witte	Sprague		
	Sweeney		

Other nationalities: Kirally (Hungary), Kakac (Austria), Gagliano (Italy), Austreng (Norway), Cease (Yugoslavia), Hoffkins (Sweden) and Mahasky (Lebanon)

German Surnames and Original Meanings:

Miller: a grinder of wheat, oats and other grains

Schmidt: a “smithy”, blacksmith, an iron worker who made horse shoes, steel wheels and barrel rings

Schneider: a “tailor”, someone (usually a male) who sewed men’s clothing

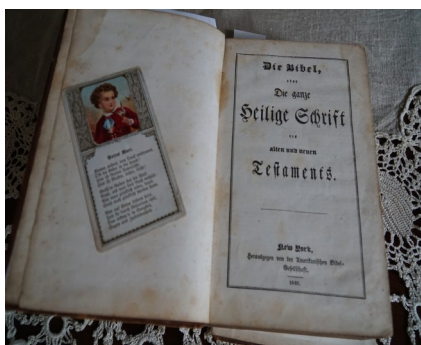
Fisher: a fisherman

Meyer: a self-employed farmer

Weber: a weaver of cloth or other woven apparel

Wagner: a “wainwright”, a wagon repairman

Adler Family Bible



We recently added this cherished family heirloom, an 1846 German translation of the Bible from Pauline Adler, to our artifact collection. Families often recorded family history (births, deaths, baptisms, confirmations, marriages) in their Bibles as well as property locales leaving valuable information for generations to come. Some tucked photos, certificates, and newspaper clippings inside. Did your family keep such a record?

Shorthand Trivia Answer: A Schneider was a “tailor”, someone (usually a male) who sewed men’s clothing.

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OBITUARY

Monroe, Robert 'Bob' D.



Aug. 31, 1926 — May 1, 2023



Robert "Bob" D. Monroe, 96, of Eagle/Mukwonago, joined his wife Patt in eternal life in heaven on May 1, 2023. His last eight years were spent at Linden Court of Mukwonago. Bob was born August 31, 1926, the son of Esther and Ralph Monroe. Bob grew up in Waukesha/North Prairie area. He joined the Navy in 1944 and served in the Pacific through 1947. He owned a Mobil station and trucking company along with working as a machinist for Allis Chalmers, retiring in 1979.

He is survived by his daughters Mary Jo (Steve) Walbrandt of Tomahawk and Marsha (Norman) Bronson of Mukwonago. Dearest grandpa to Patrick and Matthew Price, Jonathan

Walbrandt, Bridgette and Lindsey Bronson and Shannan (Randy) Meillier, and great-grandpa to Asher Bronson, Brin Fuhrer, Dalton Meillier and Abby Walbrandt.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia M. Monroe (nee Higgins); son Thomas, daughter Roberta; his sister Mary Krueger; and his parents Ralph and Esther Monroe.

Bob enjoyed his Irish setters, hunting and fishing in Tomahawk, wood working, and was especially proud of building, by himself, his "vacation house" along the Wisconsin River in Tomahawk.

Special thanks to Linden Court care givers, Dr. Jon Woolever, Legacy Hospice and Michelle Ney.

Visitation was held on Friday, May 12, at the Schmidt & Bartelt Funeral Home, 930 Main St., Mukwonago, from 10 am until the time of the funeral service at 12 noon. Burial followed at St. Theresa Cemetery in Eagle with military honors.

Schmidt & Bartelt Funeral and Cremation Services in Mukwonago served the family. For more information, call 262-363-7126 or visit online at www.schmidtandbartelt.com.

OBITUARY

Clark, Dorothy Jane (Bovee)

Mar. 21, 1925 — Oct. 4, 2023



Dorothy Jane (Bovee) Clark died on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at Gables on the Pond Assisted Living, Random Lake, Wisconsin. Born on March 21, 1925, in Eagle, Wisconsin, to Fern and James Bovee, Dorothy was the 5th generation to live on the Bovee homestead. As a young woman, Dorothy was a member of the Eagle Methodist Church. She played piano and parlor organ for the church and choir for several years. Dorothy was also an active member of Eastern Star.

Dorothy and her husband, Bill, lived and worked in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they raised their children. After Bill's death in 1995, she moved to Lanark Village, Florida, where she enjoyed 20 wonderful years. Her many activities there include:

secretary of the golf club, treasurer for the community church, learning bridge, enjoying luncheons, and making many friends.

Dorothy is survived by: two daughters, Janet (Warren) Evans, Sparta, WI, and Cindy (Jeff) Mueller, Cascade, WI; grandsons Philip (Janice) Radzinski of Cascade, WI, and Wade Radzinski (fiancé Heather Bassano, Naples, FL) and two great grandchildren Emma and Brody Radzinski. She is further survived by friends Laurie Wade, and Glenn Radzinski (Elaine), nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, William F. Clark, and her brother, Marty J. Bovee.

Special thanks to Gables on the Pond, Sharon Richardson Hospice, and Preceptor Hospice.

Inurnment was held at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Eagle, Wisconsin, on October 8, 2023. Memorials can be directed to the Eagle Historical Society, P.O. Box 454, Eagle, WI 53119-0454 or the Eagle United Methodist Church, 305 E. Main St., Eagle, WI 53119.

Gilbert, JoAnn*Sept. 21, 1946, — Oct. 10, 2023*

JoAnn Gilbert, 77, of Eagle, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at AngelsGrace Hospice Center in Oconomowoc.

JoAnn was born on September 21, 1946, in Milwaukee, the daughter of Lester and Lorraine (Bartels) Krogmann. She grew up in the Milwaukee area and graduated from South Division High School. After her schooling, JoAnn was united in marriage to Raymond Lewis. The two welcomed a daughter, Tamara, and Raymond passed away shortly after in 1968. JoAnn later married Maurice "Mickey" Gilbert on November 23, 1969, in Milwaukee and they enjoyed many years of marriage together completing their family with a son, Lance. Maurice passed away in 1993.

JoAnn loved her children dearly. JoAnn worked as a school secretary for the Eagle Elementary School for 30+ years and she greatly enjoyed her career. She is remembered by many past students as the kind and welcoming face that greeted them each morning. JoAnn was happy, upbeat and loving. She was the type of person who would do anything she could for others and she cared deeply for her local community. JoAnn was a member of the Eagle Historical Society, Eagle Homemakers, Needle Nutz and an avid member of the Mukwonago YMCA. JoAnn was creative in making cards, sewing and crocheting. She made countless baby blankets and would give them to friends, family, and also complete strangers. She enjoyed her many family vacations Up North and craft fairs. She will be remembered for her kind heart and positivity and she will be greatly missed.

JoAnn is survived by her two children, Tamara (Don) Mueller of Palmyra and Lance Gilbert of Eagle; her grandchildren, Jestine (Trey) Richmond, Alyssa (Jeff) Pasterski, Makenna Mueller and Shae Gilbert; her great-grandchildren, Meaghanne, Sonny, Myles, Caden and Kinsley; and her siblings, Sue (Bill) Sandoval and Kathy (Tom) Gehling. She is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband(s), Raymond Lewis and Maurice Gilbert, her parents, and her godmother, Addeline Murowski.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to AngelsGrace Hospice of Oconomowoc.

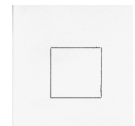
A funeral service will be held at 7 pm on Thursday, October 19, at the Gibson Family Funeral Home, 499 Elkhorn Road, Eagle, WI 53119. The Rev. Steven M. D. Blyth will officiate the service. Visitation will be held from 4 pm until the time of service at the funeral home. JoAnn will be laid to rest at 10 am Friday, October 20, in Highland Memorial Park.

Gibson Family Funeral Homes of Eagle and Palmyra is serving the family. To place an online condolence please visit gibsonfuneral.com.

Rest in peace, fellow EHS board member and dear friend to so many.



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Mailing Label

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Harold, “Ham”, served with the Seabees in Guam during World War II. After the war, Ham worked for the Waukesha Co. Highway Department until retirement. His nieces, nephews and their kids all remember him as a wonderful uncle. Later in life, he married Bernice Henning of Elkhorn. Ham was known for tasty apples he grew. Each fall, he and Bernice would take a Sunday drive and deliver bushel baskets filled with the old-fashioned varieties of apples, like Snow, Jonathan, and Wolf River, to his brothers and sisters. The great-nieces and nephews remember these visits fondly; the fragrance from baskets of rosy, red fruit filling the kitchen, everyone anticipating freshly made apple pie.

Robert, “Bob”, served with the 51st Field Artillery, 6th Infantry during World War II. He was part of the 67-day Battle of Luzon, Philippines. Later, he married Adeline Trapp and they lived in Delafield where he worked for the Waukesha Co. Highway Dept. Bob and Adeline and their daughter Jane enjoyed many Sunday afternoons visiting relatives and talking about the old times. Bob’s nieces and nephews always remember his kind ways and cheerful sense of humor.

(Watch for Part 2 of the Marty Family History to be continued in a future edition.)

Photos for this article are from Janet Evans’ personal collection unless otherwise noted.