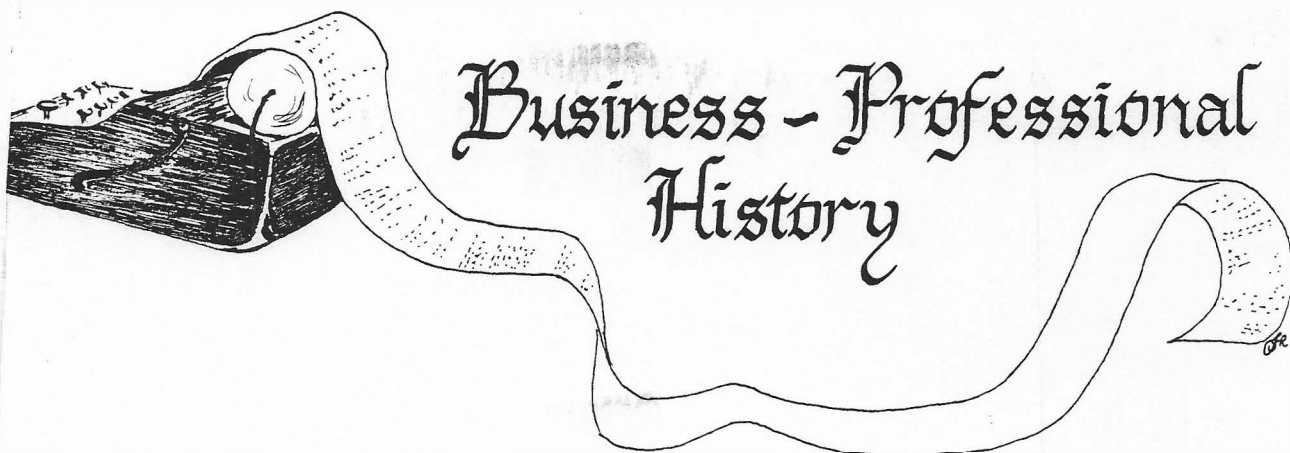


Wheaton Mn. News paper

Burial - Mukwanago WI  
married Elida Reynolds



## **BUSINESS HISTORY**

In 1885, before Wheaton was incorporated, Lee and Erickson operated a lumber yard and hardware, Wells and Schroeder, a general merchandise; and Stickles and Brynildsen, a drug store. Among other essential businesses for early settlers were a flour, seed and meat market owned by T. Roin; wood and coal yard, James Walsh; blacksmith, Thomas Prothers; and hotel, O. F. Hallberg, who also ran a saloon. Other businesses were saloons run by H. Frase and P. Johnson; a Fargo and Southern Elevator; Charles Pickle's Livery and Stable; the railroad; the newspaper; and a real estate, loans, insurance and legal services business run by J. I. Place.

By 1888 there were two more general merchandise stores, a harness shop, another livery stable, three hotels, an additional meat market, another real estate and loan office, a dray line, an additional lumber yard, one more hardware store, and another flour and feed business. The business community grew within a few more years, adding a jeweler, photographers, shoe store and repair, eating places, baker, clothing stores, barbers, musical instruments, furniture, and grain elevators. By 1891 the town had six saloons, and by 1898 the town boasted seven first class elevators.

Following is a listing and description of many of the businesses which have served the Wheaton community over the past 100 years. It is recognized that the list is not complete. For example, many of the little

restaurants and taverns changed ownership very frequently. Only the major businesses were advertised in the weekly newspaper.

## **APIARY:**

The first honey business known of was opened by W. O. Victor in 1938 with 600 hives of bees. He was succeeded by R. L. Hausmann, who reported shipping a carload of honey to Chicago in 1941. Jim Paysen bought the business from Hausmann and later sold it to Gene Sager, who continues in the business.

## **ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW**

As the fledgling town of Wheaton was taking root, the need for law and order and for those to interpret and enforce the same also arose. Some of those who chose this occupation were only mentioned in passing, such as Mr. Doran, who in 1887 was "new in town." H. Bombach took up residence in 1888 and added his name to attorneys practicing in Wheaton. F. J. Gibbons, a law school graduate in 1899, came directly here to practice, followed the same year by W. R. Kane. Others, such as C. H. Colyer, who originally came to Traverse County in 1880 but was not admitted to the bar until 1889, made their presence known in this area for many years.

T. F. O'Hair took up legal counsel on the second floor of a building on the same site as the Broadway Office Building and was joined in the practice in 1893 by F. W. Murphy. The partnership dissolved in 1899.

within a few years. Later the building became the Merton-Dale American Legion headquarters, and the building to the south was converted to a car wash. Another building to the northwest was destroyed by

wind.

In the late 1920's and 1930's Martin Lundquist ran the Traverse County Hatcheries in Wheaton.



**Coffee John's Hotel was one of the first such facilities in Wheaton.**

#### **HOTELS - MOTELS:**

Among early hotels were one run by L. P. Deal, C. H. Colyer, The Wheaton House run by J. Boetzer, Frank Lindquist's Hotel Union, Hallberg's Occidental Hotel, the Merchants Hotel, the Traverse Hotel, Coffee John's Hotel, and the City Hotel run by Elwin Jenks from 1912 to 1916. His widow Minnie continued the business until her death in 1926. Most were small frame buildings with hotel rooms on the second floor.

The Palmer House opened in 1896. It became a popular place for balls and parties and was headquarters for Twin City hunters who congregated there in the fall for the duck hunting. This was a three-story building which still stands on Broadway. At

different times a fine dining room was operated there. T. H. Hetherington, who had been employed as a chef in Minneapolis, bought an interest in it in 1924 and operated the Palmer House with his wife Lottie until 1955, when W. L. Dunbar purchased it. Upon Dunbar's death, his wife Mae ran the hotel until it closed in 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larson had tourist cabins erected on their residential property along Highway 27 during the 1940's. These were rented to tourists, road crews, and other travelers for several years. Eventually they were sold and moved from the property. Two earlier cabins adjacent to the Standard Oil station along Highway 75 were owned by Gordon Oscarson, but were sold and moved during the 1940's.

consolidated with Wheaton in 1984, bringing membership to 81.

Meetings were held in the Masonic Hall on Broadway for many years until the new Masonic Temple was built on Highway 75.

#### **WHEATON P.E.O. CHAPTER W**

P.E.O. Chapter W became a charter member of the Minnesota State Chapter on May 31, 1922, with twelve charter members. The P.E.O. Sisterhood originated at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, in 1869, started by seven young ladies who desired to contribute to philanthropic organizations through their sisterhood.

Chapter W initiated seventy-four women over the period of fifty-six years that it was an active chapter in Wheaton. They met in homes of members until disbanding in May, 1978.

The sisterhood contributed to the Wheaton Community Library, International Peace Scholarships and yearly assistance to their P.E.O. projects, especially to Cottey College at Nevada, Missouri, a P.E.O. two-year girls college.

#### **ROYAL NEIGHBORS**

The Royal Neighbors, which is a sister body of the Modern Woodmen of America, is a fraternal insurance organization. This group was organized in Wheaton in 1900, and membership numbered from sixty to seventy at various times. In 1981 the organization was discontinued, and all records and local memberships were transferred to the Beard-sley, Minnesota, chapter. There are many active members from Wheaton and Rosholt belonging to the White Rock chapter of the organization.

#### **MASONIC LODGE**

Masonry is a fraternal organization which aims to promote brotherhood and to foster morality among its members. Masonry dates back hundreds of years to the stoneworkers, and many of the ideas and rituals of Masonry stem from the period of

cathedral building from the 900's to the 1600's.

The Wheaton Lodge held its first meeting in February, 1890, and received its charter on January 15, 1891, with bylaws dated September 26, 1891. Original officers were S. W. Frasier, worshipful master; J. T. Cook, senior warden; C. H. Colyer, junior warden; and T. K. Mork, secretary.

In 1899 the old school building was sold to the Masonic Lodge for \$1,000.00 with the building to be moved to the corner of Broadway and Education Street and used for a lodge room and public hall. It was dedicated on December 5, 1900. This building was closed in 1958, and a new building was constructed on Highway 75 North. Meetings have been held there since 1960.

Because the Masons do little with public relations, people do not know what their work is all about. Some associate it with the colorful Shriners who constitute a highly visible branch of Masonry because of their annual circus and philanthropies, such as the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children. Others may be aware of such charitable endeavors as the Minnesota Masonic Home and the Masonic Memorial Hospital at the University of Minnesota.

The Wheaton Masonic Lodge recently consolidated with the Herman lodge and now has a membership of seventy-four.

#### **ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, ROSELEAF 118**

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong. It is the only "family organization" in the related Masonic bodies. Membership requires Masonic affiliation and a minimum age of eighteen.

The teachings of the Order are based on the morality of brotherly love, relief, and truth. These principles are expressed through ceremonies portrayed through stories of several Biblical heroines. Business is never conducted without an open Bible on the altar and the presence of the flag of the country where the meeting is being held. The order is not set up as a religion in competition with established religions.

Bids were let for waterworks including six-inch and eight-inch mains, hydrants and tank with an eighty-foot tower.

A council resolution prohibited use of firearms or air guns in the village.

Peter Peterson was hired to plant 150 trees at a cost of \$150.00 in the public park.

Wheaton Drug received a carload of bottles to be used in bottling their remedies.

Jenson Bros. advertised 500 pairs of blue denim overalls at 45 cents a pair.

- 1902 - Those not having water connections were charged as follows: Household purposes, \$2.00 per family; horses or cattle, \$1.00 per head; tank, 50 cents; and barrel, 5 cents.

Gust Raguse advertised sawed wood: Maple, \$6 a cord; oak, \$4.75; and basswood \$4.00.

A new franchise was granted to the electric light company with 45 cents a light per month charged.

The cost of sugar was \$1.00 for 20 pounds, \$1.00 for 10 pounds of coffee, \$2.75 a keg for nails, and \$2.25 for a full-size iron bed.

Erickson & Hellekson's new store building was dedicated at a free ball.

- 1903 - Fine all-leather suitcases sold for \$5 at the Model Clothing House.

Village salaries included \$10 a year for the fire warden, \$50 for the treasurer, and \$75 for the recorder (village clerk).

Excursion train tickets to Fargo to see President Teddy Roosevelt cost \$3.15 round trip.

Coal sold for \$9.50 a ton.

Duck hunting limits were 100 ducks in possession.

Carl A. Riewe purchased a 223-acre tract in West Taylor township for \$6250.

- 1904 - A scarlet fever epidemic closed public schools and public gatherings.

July 4 was celebrated with an artillery salute at sunrise, street parade, barbecue dinner, high diving exhibition, trap shooting, ball game, street sports, boxing contest, supper, "punch and judy" show, movies, fireworks, and a grand ball.

- 1905 - A home rented for \$12 a month.

Assets of the village totaled \$21,249.95 and included a jail, an enginehouse, hook and ladder truck, fire engine, power house and wells, hose and hose cart, waterworks plant, and a water reservoir.

A. Wells Co. installed a cash carrier system in their large store, lending a decidedly metropolitan appearance.

C. H. Colyer opened a new hotel next door to the Palmer House and advertised steam heat, electric lights and electric call buttons.

High-armed sewing machines with complete set of attachments and ten-year warranty sold for \$12.95 at Boley & Nordin's.

An alumni association was formed following the 1905 school graduation with F. F. Stoebe president.

Erickson & Hellekson advertised four tons of loaded shells, ten, twelve and sixteen gauge.

- 1906 - A. Wells sold men's suits for \$8.75.

A movie was shown at the Opera House which included pictorially the destruction of the San Francisco earthquake.

## LIST OF ADDITIONS TO THE VILLAGE OF WHEATON AND DATES PLATTED

Original Plat to the Village of Wheaton	Platted Sept. 1, 1884
Tyler's First Addition Wheaton	Platted May 9, 1887
S. C. Odenborg's Second Addition Wheaton	Platted June 18, 1892
Ole C. Odenborg's Second Addition Wheaton	Platted Oct. 12, 1896
Ole C. Odenborg's Addition Wheaton	Platted Dec. 14, 1896
Annie Leaser's First Addition to the Village of Wheaton	Platted Oct. 4, 1897
Reeve's Addition to the Village of Wheaton	Platted Nov. 18, 1897
Herman J. Frase's First Addition Wheaton	Platted Nov. 25, 1898
S. C. Odenborg's Addition Wheaton	Platted Dec. 19, 1898
Annie Leaser's Second Addition to the Village of Wheaton	Platted Dec. 27, 1898
Annie Leaser's First Addition Wheaton	Platted Sept. 16, 1899
Annie Leaser's Third Addition to the Village of Wheaton	Platted Sept. 16, 1899
Strowger's Addition to the Village of Wheaton	Platted May 8, 1900
Frase's Second Addition Wheaton	Platted Nov. 25, 1901
Murphy's Addition to Wheaton	Platted Dec. 7, 1904
Ole C. Odenborg's Third Addition Wheaton	Platted June 7, 1905
Auditor's Plat No. 13 of Wheaton	Platted April 18, 1917
Auditor's Plat No. 14 of Wheaton	Platted April 18, 1917
Auditor's Plat No. 15 of Wheaton	Platted April 18, 1917
F. J. Steidl Addition to Village of Wheaton	Platted Nov. 10, 1945
Sidney C. Odenborg's First Addition Wheaton	Platted Sept. 17, 1947
F. J. Steidl Second Addition to Village of Wheaton	Platted Sept. 20, 1947
W. A. Lundquist's First Addition to the Village of Wheaton	Platted Jan. 8, 1948
O. Einer Oscarson's First Addition to the Village of Wheaton	Platted Sept. 3, 1948
F. Wilton Johnson's First Addition Wheaton	Platted Dec. 22, 1948
O. Einer Oscarson's Second Addition to the Village of Wheaton	Platted June 24, 1949
Park View Addition Wheaton	Platted June 6, 1950
Henry J. Niesche's First Addition to the Village of Wheaton	Platted Sept. 11, 1950
O. Einer Oscarson's Third Addition to the Village of Wheaton	Platted Sept. 24, 1955
Geary's First Addition to the Village of Wheaton	Platted Oct. 12, 1955
Geary's Second Addition to the Village of Wheaton	Platted March 4, 1957
Sidney C. Odenborg's 2nd Addition to the Village of Wheaton	Platted Dec. 12, 1963
Pederson's Addition to the Village of Wheaton	Platted Sept. 10, 1965
Radel's First Addition Wheaton	Platted Jan. 25, 1979
Wheaton Dumont Cooperative Elevator Addition	Platted Dec. 13, 1982

## CITY OF WHEATON COUNCIL MEMBERS

Year	President	Trustee	Trustee	Trustee	Recorder
1887	C. H. Colyer	Thos. Kuhn	N. F. Schroeder	Alfred Setterlund	Andrew Peterson
1888	N. F. Schroeder	Thos. Kuhn	W. F. Eaton	Alfred Setterlund	E. F. Joubert
1889	A. Setterlund	Andrew Peterson	T. O. Thorson	E. F. Joubert	A. G. Swanson
1890	A. Setterlund	Thos. Dunn	T. O. Thorson	N. F. Schroeder	A. G. Swanson
1891	O. A. Rustad	Martin Lund	T. O. Thorson	Thos. Kuhn	Stephen Hopkins
1892	O. A. Rustad	T. K. Mork	T. O. Thorson	F. F. Thill	Stephen Hopkins
1893	O. H. Hellekson	T. M. Kuhn	O. J. Davidson	H. O. Monson	Stephen Hopkins
1894	O. H. Hellekson	John J. Heldt	O. J. Davidson	H. O. Monson	Stephen Hopkins
1895	O. H. Hellekson	John J. Heldt	O. J. Davidson	John Compton	O. C. Neuman
1896	C. H. Colyer	E. H. Boley	O. J. Davidson	T. A. Melhus	O. C. Neuman
1897	Edw. Rustad	Andrew Peterson	R. W. Wiltse	K. K. Sorenson	G. P. Erickson
1898	Edw. Rustad (8)	Alfred Setterlund	Frank Thill	J. B. Bruns	A. J. Fitzgerald
	E. H. Boley (4)				
1899	E. H. Boley	Alfred Setterlund	Frank Thill	J. B. Bruns	A. J. Fitzgerald
1900	Edw. Rustad	Alfred Setterlund	Frank Thill	M. J. Jacobson	A. J. Fitzgerald



Some facts about the township include a special election on May 28, 1889, for the removal of the county seat from Browns Valley to Wheaton. On June 30, 1891, the settlers voted against a bond for \$12,000 to build a courthouse and jail in Wheaton.

**EAST AND WEST MONSON TOWNSHIP:** The meeting to organize this township and a half was held October 27, 1881, at the Peter Monson home. It was given the name in honor of two of its early settlers, Nels and Peter Monson.

East Monson Township is composed of 36 sections. Also under the same government is West Monson Township composed of 12 full sections and 6 part sections, adjacent to the Bois de Sioux River.

East and West Monson had seven school districts, numbers 17, 20, 24, 28, 40 and 58, until the early 1950's when they were consolidated with the Tintah and Wheaton school districts.

The early roads were built by the taxpayers who gathered on designated days to work off their road tax. The township also had a stock pound located in West Monson on John H. Peterson's farm. Stray livestock were corralled and the owner required to pay a fee to have them released. Peterson acted as poundmaster.

Early records show that in 1884 township officers were Peter Monson, chairman; Swan Carlson and John Backland, supervisors; Peter Johnson, clerk; A. G. Halstrum, treasurer; and John A. Skoglund and August Johnson, constables. Present officers are Gordon Zibell, chairman; Milton Cole and Vere Vollmers, supervisors; Jerry Schultz, clerk; and Edelle Magnuson, treasurer.

**PARNELL TOWNSHIP:** Petition was granted by the commissioners on April 2, 1881, and the meeting for organization was held at the home of James Mehan in Section 15 on April 19, 1881. The township was named after Charles Stewart Parnell, the great Irish patriot and statesman. It was suggested by P. D. O'Phalen.

**REDPATH TOWNSHIP:** Petition was granted by the commissioners on July 25, 1881, and the meeting to organize was held

on August 13, 1881, at the home of Nils Nelson. The petition had asked to name the township Riverside, but as there was another township of that name in the state, the name was not acceptable. As there is a well-defined trail diagonally across the township worn deep by the travels of the Indians and the Red River carts of the Pembina fur traders on their periodic trips to St. Paul, the name Redman's Path was suggested. It was shortened to Redpath and accepted. At one time Redpath contained four school districts. One of those buildings is still used for a town hall.

**TARA TOWNSHIP:** Petition was granted by the commissioners on April 2, 1881, and the meeting for organization was held at the home of P. D. O'Phalen in Section 22 on April 19, 1881. To this public-spirited pioneer with a knowledge of Irish history, the rise and the prairie within the township suggested that hill of Ireland's ancient capital and his suggestion of the name of Tara was enthusiastically adopted.

**TAYLOR TOWNSHIP:** Taylor Township forms the northwest corner of Traverse County. It was named after the three Taylor families who were some of its first settlers. After the petition was granted by the commissioners on October 15, 1881, the meeting for organization was held October 27 at the home of L. J. Taylor. The first elected officers were C. L. Taylor, chairman; Charles Johnson and August Stoebe, supervisors; C. H. Colyer, clerk; Beverly White, treasurer; Fred Taylor, assessor; James Simpson, Sr., and S. H. Lorvey, justices of the peace; and Ole Steen and Agso Church, constables.

The first birth was recorded December 10, 1881, a baby girl, to Charles and Lena Johnson. The first road was petitioned August 2, 1883, which is County Road 81. The township had six public schools and purchased district 44 on Highway 75 for its town hall.

Present board members are Allen Bruce, Myron Janke and Dean Holtz, supervisors; Lloyd Keller, clerk; and Adolph Muehler, treasurer.

**TINTAH TOWNSHIP:** Petition was granted by the commissioners on July 25, 1881, and the meeting for organization was



One of the first fire fighting organizations in Wheaton was this group, all decked out in the finest firemen's garb of the 1890s. Pictured front row left to right: Sam Setterberg, Adolph Nordquist, Fred Nordquist, Albert Setterlund, Fred Klawon, R. H. Sigford, C. H. Colyer, Mike Dempsey, Alfred Fitzgerald; second row from left: Ed Ellofson, John Heldt, John Hart, Alfred Rustad, Otto Neumann, L. J. Bakke, Frank Thill, J. T. Anderson; third row from left: Martin Jacobson, Louis Bender, Axel Carlson, Ed Nordrum, George Allanson, O. J. Davidson and E. W. Boley.

#### **TRAVERSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

When the Milwaukee Railroad discontinued having a local agent in Wheaton in 1977, people in the community became interested in obtaining the building for a museum. In October, 1977, about thirty-five enthusiastic area residents met at the depot to consider what could be done to convert it to a museum. They were impressed with its potential in spite of its definite signs of deterioration, and plans moved forward to organize and establish a museum in Wheaton. The Traverse County Historical Society was incorporated on December 13, 1977, with Donald Neuman named its first president; Helen Johnson, secretary; and Margaret Grohn, treasurer. Other members of the board of directors were William Winter,

Albin Peterson, Clarence Skifstrom, Dolores Petterson, Clarence Juelich, and Lester Worner.

The railroad property was purchased for \$1500 with a grant from the Minnesota Historical Society, and an additional grant of \$1500 provided funds for starting the renovation program for the building. In addition there were many donations of cash, material, and volunteer labor from individuals and organizations. The first efforts were centered on development of the interior of the building, with the much needed exterior paint job scheduled for warmer weather.

In mid-June the museum started accepting articles for display. The response was tremendous. The museum opened for



## **REAL ESTATE, LOANS, INSURANCE:**

These were areas that were traditionally combined in one business and sometimes also included land management for absentee owners. J. I. Place and C. H. Colyer were among the earliest in the business, and some years later William Ringdahl entered the field. He was joined by his son Reuben in 1929. Ringdahls moved to their present site at 923 Broadway in 1939, which had been the office for Traverse Land Co. In turn, Reuben's son William came into the business and later a partnership was formed with Leo Terhaar, with the present business known as Ringdahl & Terhaar Agency, Inc.

Others in the field at various times were S. W. Frasier, F. M. Barrett, H. B. Cory, and Carl Saterbak, who was a land man in addition to his duties in a bank. O. C. Neuman was president and R. H. Huntzicker secretary-treasurer of the Traverse Land Co., Inc.

The present firm of Eyster Realty Association had its beginnings in 1908, when Morris A. Eyster bought land here and brought prospective land buyers from Illinois on the train to inspect and invest in this rich agricultural area. He was affiliated at that time with Carl O. Saterbak and worked for him for a few years after moving here in 1911. In 1919 he went into the business of real estate sales, management, and appraisals on his own and continued until his death in 1952. His son, Bruce F. Eyster, came back from California and went into business with him in the spring of 1946 and continued to operate the firm until his retirement in 1982. Bruce's grandson, Lance A. Lundquist, joined the firm in 1980 and presently operates the business in the Wheaton Professional Building at 1112 First Avenue North, continuing sixty-seven years of management by three generations.

In 1985 insurance needs of the community are being served by Donnelly Insurance Agency, First Bank Agency, Ringdahl & Terhaar Agency, American Family Insurance, State Farm Insurance, Farm Bureau Insurance, Aid Association for Lutherans, Lutheran Brotherhood, Tara Mutual Insurance Co., and Equitable Insurance.

## **REFRIGERATION:**

Gary Johnson opened Gary's Refrigeration and Air Conditioning in 1981 in a new building on Highway 75 North. He later moved into appliances after hardware stores no longer handled them. He began in a small shop as a refrigeration service technician. Gary added TV sets to his appliance stock in April 1984.

Orville Johnson was the only trained refrigeration technician for many years. He worked for Hunder's and also on his own. Larry Smith also worked for Hunders and later started his own business but had only on-the-job training.

## **SALOONS, SAMPLE ROOMS, POOL HALLS:**

At one time Wheaton had seven saloons. Some of the names of those who ran them were H. Frase, P. Johnson, O. F. Hallberg, Klawon and Manthei, Benno Bros., F. Neumann and Son, Gunsalus and Tobiason, and John Hart.

Sample rooms were available for use of traveling salesmen who came on the train with their trunks and stayed at hotels until they had made sales to available stores. The rooms were operated in conjunction with a pool room and some had restaurants. Some who were in the business were Dempsey and Maley, Johnson and Anderson, H. Klawon, Ole Korsbrek, Theodore Redetzke, August Seaquist, Twedt and Newman.

One of the oldest buildings in town and one that has remained in the same type of business since its origin is the Neumann's Bar building. Built by H. Benno in 1885, it was one of Wheaton's first saloons. The building was bought by John and Mary Hart in 1907 who continued in the saloon, later referred to as "pool hall", until the early 1930's. They were followed by Art Anderson. Matt and Mike Bohnenstingl later bought the business and were succeeded by Mike's son Bob. Darus and Lucy Bruns bought the business in the 1960's, and the present owners, the Ivan Neumann's, have operated it since October 1, 1970. The building is still adorned by stamped tin walls and ceiling and part of the ornate original bar is still intact.

## **PLACE / COLYER INFORMATION, WHEATON MN.**

The information listed below was extracted from the "1887 - 1987 WHEATON MINNESOTA CENTENNIAL HISTORY"

Page 3 lists W.H. Place as the first Judge of Probate Court elected. He was elected in the first election of county officers, held in 1881.

Page three also lists C. H. Colyer as the first Mayor of Wheaton, holding the first town meeting on June 25, 1887.

Pages 4 and 5 tell the story of the battle over the relocation of the county seat from Browns Valley to Wheaton. John Place is described as the captain of a raid of 25 teams and sleighs in an unsuccessful attempt to "take the records by force if necessary".

Page 7, C H Colyer is listed as the President of the City of Wheaton Council Members for the years 1887 (first year of the Council) and 1896.

Page 10 Lists W.H. Place as one of two attorneys in the first trial by jury in the county, conducted in Steers store in Browns Valley in 1880.

Page 13 lists C.H. Colyer as the first Town Clerk for Taylor Township which was formed in 1881.

Page 15 has a picture of C.H. Colyer and the following summary;

**C.H. Colyer (1849-1908)** The first mayor of the village, C.H. Colyer was born in Wisconsin and came to Traverse County in 1880. He was elected Sheriff in 1884 serving three terms. Colyer was admitted to the bar in 1889 and was immediately appointed to the position of County Attorney to fill a vacancy, a position which he held for many years. In 1905 he was named the first game warden for this section of the state. The same year he opened a new hotel next door to the Palmer House. One of the earliest settlers, Colyer took an active part in the county seat war. As with many pioneers he filled many diverse positions and was a veritable "jack of all trades".

Page 25. Picture and listing of CH as Sheriff from 1884 to 1886,

Page 55 under Business History, ...a real estate, loans, insurance and legal services business run by J.I. Place.

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Page 146. the picture heading reads; "One of the first fire fighting organizations in Wheaton was this group, all decked out in the finest fireman's garb of the 1890's." C.H. Colyer is listed as Seventh from left, front row.

Page 182, Dorence Colyer is listed as a graduagte of Wheaton High School. class of 1912.

Page 292 Under **MASONIC LODGE:** The wheaton Lodge held its first meeting in February 1890....Original officers were...C. H. Colyer Junior Warden.

Page 326 In a Cronology for the year 1887; C. H. Colyer was appointed an inspector of the first election to be held in the town of Wheaton on May 24, 1887.

Page 329 In a cronology for 1905; " C.H. Colyer opened a new hotel next door to the Palmer House and advertised steam heat, electric lights and electric call buttons.

J.I. Place is John Isaac Place born 1851 in Lena, Stephenson Co. IL., to Joseph Place and Harriet (Colyer) Place. His wife is Catherine Sencerbox, daughter of Mississippi Riverboat Captain Charles E. Sencerbox .

William H. Place is John Isaac Places' older brother, born in 1850 in Milwaukee WI.. His wife is Jewell M. Bryan, son is Bryan W. Place. W.H. Place died in Minneapolis MN. 11 NOV 1925.

C. H. Colyer is Charles Hale Colyer, Harriet Places Nephew, son of her brother Lambert Colyer. C.H. was born in Eagle, Mugwonago WI in 1848 married 30 Nov 1871 in Mukwonago Co. Catherine Elida Reynolds. C.H. died 28 JUL 1908, Wheaton MN.



## HER MANY HUSBANDS.

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### Mrs. James Hall of Whitewater, and Her Fourth Marital Companion.

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Eagle News

We learn from the Elkhorn Independent that the Rev. James Hall, of Whitewater, and his better half occupied the most of the time of the court there last week. It seems that Rev. J. to induce his third wife to accept him was persuaded to deed her his real estate. This did not satisfy his children by a former wife and so James brings an action in the circuit court to have the deeds given set aside and the equivalent paid to his wife for her love and protection again restored to him. In other words the Rev. James is sick of his bargain, while on the other hand it seems his wife looks as if she might be also. Mrs. Hall has been a resident of Eagle for a number of years, first as Mrs. Sarah M. Van Zant. It was here she lost her first husband. Young and good looking she did not wear her life away mourning the loss of her husband, and her affections were wooed and won by a Mr. Van Delden, of the adjoining town of Mukwonago, but the warm affection at first soon cooled and a separation took place. She next became a Mrs. Lambert Colyer, of Eagle, but after a couple of years she sought a separation, suing for a divorce on the ground of dissipated and abusive treatment by her husband. In the trial which followed the charges were not sustained, and by some agreement of settlement an order was made by the court granting a separation. The Rev. J. Hall next became fascinated with this much married woman and became her fourth husband and she his third wife.

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