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Hello,

My name is Jamie Socolick and my grandmother and her family are from Eagle. In fact, my grandmother grew up in the cream city brick house right next to your museum. Her grandparents were Clare and Theresa Shearer, Clare owned the dairy farm on Eagle Drive (later renamed Shearer drive after his son, Waldo Shearer), which is now torn down. I have attached the arial image of their farm to this email. Clare served as the Eagle postmaster until 1919 and then operated a grocery store in the village until 1923. He then went to work for Waukesha County Highway Department. He served as village president from 1936-1939 and was the village clerk for 35 years as well. My grandmother, Roberta Shearer, lived with her grandparents from 9 months until she was married at 19. Her father was Robert Shearer and her mother was Alice Von Rueden (from Cashton, WI). Alice passed away from Leukemia when Roberta was 9 months old.

The reason for my query is regarding Clare and Theresa's son, Waldo Shearer. When Clare sold the family farm, Waldo and his wife Irene (nee Kramer) purchased the property from him. Waldo was a Town of Eagle Supervisor and a part of the town board for 15 years. Waldo was also a member of the Eagle Volunteer Fire Department beginning in 1928 and serving for 44 years. He was also the fire departments treasurer since 1934 until 1974 and Fire Commissioner from 1958 until his passing. While on the department, he worked toward getting the Rescue Squad equipped & on the road and in the acquisition of their 1800 gal tank truck. Waldo also worked as a school board member for 24 years and as clerk from 1947-1956 for Ward and Eagle schools. Waldo attended Ward school as a child until 8th grade when he quit to work the family farm so his older brother could attend Marquette university.

His wife Irene worked for the northwest Telephone co as an operator for 17 years.

Upon his passing, "Waldo Shearer" day was dedicated by the Eagle Town board. I have an article that states a plaque was made in his honor and read "Wald Shearer 1912-1978 in memory of many years of service to the Town of Eagle, Town Board, Volunteer Fire Department and the Fire District. His dedication serves as an inspiration to all of us. Gratefully, the Town of Eagle. The plaque was said to have been hung in the town hall. I am wondering if this is still there, or if you know of it's existence? Also, I am trying to put together a memory board or shadow box for my father, he has Waldo's Fire Department Badge. Would you by any chance have any pictures of the volunteer fire department or articles about Waldo I could copy for this?

My sister, father (who spent a great deal of his youth at the Shearer farm) and myself were thinking about coming in to visit the museum this Friday as we are all off work. I

would love to bring some pictures and articles in to share. My grandmother had a good memory book with articles, obituaries and wedding photos. Please let me know if this is something you would be interested in.

Thank you so much

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