



The Little White Paper

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Thursday, June 13 , 7 p.m. program...

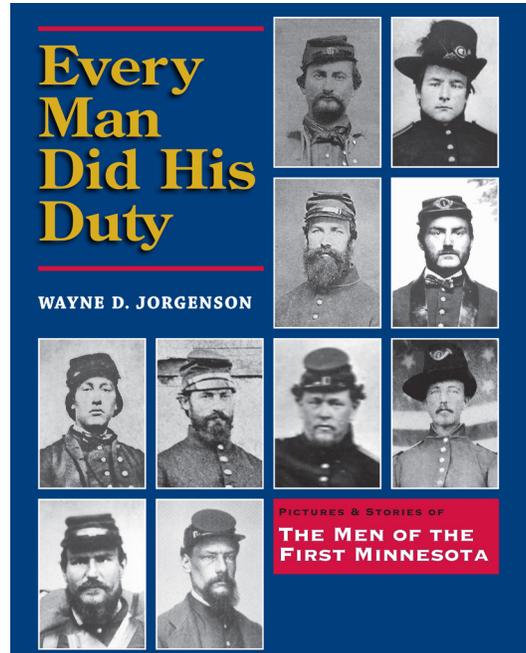
Jorgenson researched role of First Minnesota Regiment

For decades, Wayne Jorgenson has researched the men and history of the First Minnesota Regiment Volunteer Infantry, offered in service to President Lincoln after the fall of Ft. Sumter. Men and boys attended patriotic rallies though out the young state and signed their names to papers pledging that they would answer the president's call. They were strong men, toughened by rugged pioneer life, and in the next three years they drew on that strength time and time again. The men of the First Minnesota served with the Army of the Potomac in nearly every major battle of the eastern campaign and were frequently cited for their professional conduct and bravery in the field – nowhere more so than at the Battle of Gettysburg, where their harrowing sacrifice saved the Union from defeat and helped turn the tide of war.



Jorgenson gathered stories from diaries, pension records, newspaper articles, and family archives, as well as published histories.

Along with the individual histories of the men, his book includes hundreds of photographs, including portraits of the men, and color photographs of artifacts selected from archives and personal collections across the country – including his own extensive collection – thus creating an unprecedented record of the regiment. His book, “Every Man Did His Duty” was a finalist for the 2013 Minnesota Book Awards, concluded on April 13, 2013. “Every Man Did His Duty” is now available for purchase at www.1stminnesota.net.



Jorgenson's presentation will be given at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2013, at the Society's Historic Church, 6731 Golden Valley Road. Refreshments will be served following the program. All GVHS programs are free and open to the public.

Building plans go to BZA June 15

The Society's architect, Robert Shaffer, has met with building officials of Golden Valley and will appear before the Board of Zoning Appeals at their meeting on June 15 to present plans for the addition to the historic church. Their approval is necessary for a couple of variances to the building code. The

addition of about 1,000 square feet will be to the rear of the existing building and provide a separate display area for the Society's archives. It will be built on a foundation and slab. Following the meeting with the BZA, bids will be solicited from contractors. The goal is to have the addition operational by this fall.

Recent accession

Nancy Azzam has donated a book, “I Was That Masked Man” by Clayton Moore with Frank Thompson, 1998, Taylor Trade Publishing. For a few years Clayton Moore, AKA The Lone Ranger, lived in Golden Valley in the Ewald Addition. The book is his biography.

May program review...

Tremere studies Wounded Knee

The general membership program on May 9 featured Blair Tremere who delivered a well-researched and informative presentation entitled "Dancing With Ghosts: Wounded Knee, 1890 Forty Years Later." Tremere's great grandfather, Rev. Edward Ashley, D.D., was an Episcopalian Missionary in the Dakota Territory and the State of South Dakota from 1874 until his death in

1931. Tremere has researched his great grandfather's personal and official correspondence, which provided a vivid account of contemporary events and perspectives regarding the challenges faced by both the Indians and institutions (religious and secular) seeking to affirm their claims. Thirty-five members and guests enjoyed this presentation.

Street name research needs your input

The Golden Valley Street Name Research Committee is looking for information about how your street got its name. We know that we have streets named for states, patriotic names, and numbered avenues that all fit into a pattern. But the committee would like to learn more about the streets named by an area's developer—the unusual ones. Do you have any first hand knowl-

edge of how a street got its name? If so, please contact Leone Johnson, chairperson of the research committee at 763-529-8400.

New member

The latest person to join our Society is **Norma Glagus**, 968 Cherokee Avenue, West St. Paul, MN 55118; phone: 763-593-8000. Welcome Norma.

Another rainy day for GV celebration

May 18 began with a cool and rainy morning, but the afternoon became sunny and comfortable. The Society was again located in the small picnic shelter at Brookview Park, where volunteers put up two tents alongside the shelter to display a sample from the Society's archives. Ken Huber brought his ever popular selection of antique riding toys, which the little ones enjoyed riding around on the cement floor. Many photos were taken by parents enjoying the display. Society volunteers helping out were Jerry Breth, Jim Hera, Nancy Kochenderfer, Ken Huber, Don Anderson, Peggy and Scott Nelson, Leone Johnson, Lyle Mottinger, and Linda Loomis.

Spring cleanup

The threat of more rain on Saturday, May 4, dampened the turnout of volunteers to help in the annual spring historic churchyard clean up. Trimming and sawing of branches laid on the curb for the city's brush pick up were volunteers Jerry Breth, Jacob Breth, Jason Breth, Nancy Azzam, Jim Hera and Crystal Boyd. Cathy Waldhauser pruned shrubs and cleaned the front borders for planting the day before. Thanks to all.

Traditions that grew out of bathing rituals

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, the brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub

filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the sons and other men, then the women, and finally the children. Last of all the babies, and by then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

Get to know the 12 members of the GVHS Board

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