

HISTORICAL SOCIETY INFORMATION QUARTERLY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

June 25rd – Third Annual Fund Raising Garage Sale

July 30-31 —Williams Bay Art & Craft Festival Edgewater Park

September 10 — 2nd Wonders of Williams Bay Tour Details available soon!

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# History Day in The Bay April 23, 2016



History Day in The Bay was held at Barrett Memorial Library. The historical society had a display of old photos that have been donated to the Williams Bay Historical Society.

The display included a few of the many hotels that once stood along Walworth Avenue, a tribute to Dorothy Hinds, a long time resident and teacher at Williams Bay School, photos from the guided missile factory that was located in Williams Bay in the 1940s, and photos of Elmer Hopkins and Hopkins and Walker garage.



Jill Westberg McNamara gave an awesome presentation on the book 'Camps of Geneva Lake' she co-authored with Carolyn Hope Smeltzer! Thank you for providing us with a delightful look at the historic camps.

We must thank John Anderson, great grandson of Eric Anderson who was the owner of the Fernwood Hotel for donating an amazing collection of pictures and articles from the Anderson and Ambrose families; the family of Wib and Catzy Johnson for the donation of pictures of the guided missile factory and many others; Carl Hanley for the Hopkins pictures; and Liz Cox for the tribute to Dorothy Hinds. *(Continued on Page 3)* 

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masqueraded as men and enlisted to fight alongside their lovers and brothers.

Women also helped to keep their families afloat by working tirelessly in traditionally male roles. They fueled the agricultural production in Wisconsin that helped feed the Union Army, and female factory workers made everything from wagons to textiles. Between 1860 and 1870, the number of women involved in Wisconsin's industrial and commercial industries grew by over 500 percent.

As nearly as possible this is a list of the men who served in the Civil War who lived before or afterward in the area surrounding Williams Bay. <sup>(1)</sup>



A sketch of Camp Randall made from the top of University Building, May 20, 1864, by W.F. Brown of the 40th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Company B.

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Name	Regiment and Company	Name	Regiment and Company
Francis W. Russell <sup>(2) (5)</sup>	32nd IOWA Infantry Co. D 32nd IOWA Infantry Co. I 9th IOWA Cavalry Co. D	George W. Coburn, Jr. <sup>(3) (4)</sup>	22nd WIS Infantry Co. D
Robert E. Russell <sup>(2) (3) (5)</sup>	22nd WIS Infantry Co. D	Robert McChesney (4)	8th IOWA Cavalry Co. K
Royal A. Fowle (2) (3) (5)	1ST WIS. Heavy Artillery CO. B	Hilas Dalrymple <sup>(4)</sup>	49th WIS. Infantry Co. K
George Kishner <sup>(4)</sup>	49th WIS. Infantry Co. K	Hamilton S. Dalrymple (4)	42nd WIS. Infantry Co. F
John C. Kishner <sup>(4)</sup>	40th WIS. Infantry Co. F	William Henry Virgil <sup>(4)</sup>	15th IOWA Infantry Co. D
James Merwin <sup>(4)</sup>	40th WIS Infantry Co. F	William L. Bradt <sup>(4)</sup>	10th WIS. Infantry Co. A
Norville Williams (4)	65th ILL Infantry Co. F	Henry Dalton (4)	1st ORE. Cavalry Co. A
Hugh A. Rector (4) (3)	10th WIS Infantry Co. A	Charles Snell (4) (3)	10th WIS. Infantry Co. A
Truman Johns (4)(3)	10th WIS Infantry Co. A	James Snell (4) (3)	10th WIS. Infantry Co. A
Oscar F. Vincent <sup>(4)</sup>	40th WIS. Infantry Co. F.	Daniel E. Vrooman (4)	49th WIS. Infantry Co. K
Henry Southwick (4)	49th WIS. Infantry Co. K	George G. Wilday (4)	19th WIS. Infantry Co. D
James Southwick (4)	49th WIS. Infantry Co. K	Charles R. Scoffin <sup>(4)</sup>	Ensign US Navy
Russell S. Trumball (4)	40th WIS. Infantry Co. F	Otis Dodge (4)	49th WIS. Infantry Co. K
John S. Spencer <sup>(4)</sup>	13th WIS Infantry Co. A	Sidney Dodge <sup>(5)</sup>	4th WIS. cavalry Co. F
George W. Farrar (4)	28th WIS Infantry Co. I	John D.C. Gaylord <sup>(4)</sup>	28th Wis. Infantry, Co. K
Clinton Quincy Fisk (4)	9th Battery WIS. Light Artillery	John W. Hall <sup>(5)</sup>	2nd WIS cavalry Co. G
James Williams (4)	22nd WIS Infantry Co. D	Charles Remmel <sup>(5)</sup>	42nd WIS Infantry Co. F

<sup>(1)</sup> Sources: Exploring Civil War Wisconsin. A Short History of Wisconsin. (Madison: State Historical Society of Wisconsin), Bay Leaves Vol. 3 No. 8 and 9 <sup>(2)</sup> Grandson of Capt. Israel Williams

<sup>(3)</sup> Died in service

<sup>(4)</sup> Buried at East Delavan Union Cemetery

<sup>(5)</sup> Buried at another cemetery or location unknown

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#### MISSION OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The purpose of the Williams Bay Historical Society is to assist in the preservation and exhibition of items of historical interest that are within the boundaries of Williams Bay, and the immediate surrounding area. It will seek to provide the public with educational opportunities to learn about our unique local history. It will also seek to organize and assist in the commemoration of significant dates and events in village history.

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# **Fourth Grade** History Presentation













For the third year, Gregory Trush and Phyllis Janda introduced another 4th grade class at the Williams Bay Elementary School to the history of Williams Bay!

The students had so many interesting stories to tell and questions to ask!

Another great program presented by the Williams Bay Historical Society. Photo Credit: Phyllis Janda

# **Do You Recognize** This Cottage?





Elmer Hopkins' mother Sara lived in this cottage about 1920. If you recognize it, please let us know where it is or was located. Photo Credit: Carl Hanley







Photo Credit: Phyllis Janda

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# Historical Society is Looking for Old Williams Bay Photos and Mementoes

Do you have old photographs of Williams Bay? Do you have mementoes of Williams Bay's landmarks or businesses? The Williams Bay Historical Society would love to include them in our archives!

If you don't wish to donate photographs, we would be happy to scan them and return the originals to you.

Please contact us at wmsbayhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or drop us a note at P.O.Box 678, Williams Bay, WI, 53191, if you have any questions.

A photo release form can be downloaded from this link: http://wmsbayhistory.org/uploads/3/4/6/8/34688241/williams\_ bay\_historical\_society\_photo\_use\_consent\_form.pdf

# Area Men Served in the Civil War 1861-1865

The Civil War or War of the Rebellion as it was called at the time touched virtually every family in Wisconsin. In the years between 1861 and 1865, more than 91,000 young men left Wisconsin to defend the Union. Wisconsin provided men to 56 regiments: 77,375 to the infantry, 8,877 to the cavalry, and 5,075 to the artillery. They fought in every major battle of the Civil War. Unfortunately, many of those men did not return. More than 12,000 died: 3.802 were killed in action or died of wounds and 8,499 died from disease, exposure, and other causes. Wisconsin soldiers also spent time in many of the more infamous Southern military prisons, including Libby in Richmond, Virginia, and Andersonville in Sumter County, Georgia.

The Civil War helped consolidate transportation and industry by increasing eastward-moving trade, especially after the lower Mississippi River was closed by the Confederacy. Railroads were overwhelmed with business and shipping costs soared. With the departure of men in uniform, labor shortages increased the wages of hired hands. Fortunately for farmers, crop prices also rose as the Army's demand for wheat, Wisconsin's principal crop at the time, exploded. This increased demand for food accelerated demand for farm equipment, an industry centered in southeastern Wisconsin.

Wisconsin women played a vital role in the success of the Civil War effort. Women were expected to support the soldiers medically, spiritually, and economically. Middle- and upper-class women, setting aside their many religious, ethnic, and political differences, organized to form aid societies throughout the state. The Woman's Soldiers Aid Society sent medical inspectors to improve hospital conditions at the front and contributed thousands of dollars' worth of supplies. They also hired nurses for army hospitals and distributed food to soldiers. A handful of Wisconsin women even (Continued on page 2)

