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An Expansion in the History Documents at the Holly History and Genealogy Center

The Waupaca Historical Society is pleased to announce that five new histories of the City have been compiled in three ring binders. In each binder, all pages are wrapped in a Polypropylene wrapper. As you act to keep Waupaca's history alive, drop in to the Holly Center and expand your knowledge by perusing these interesting documents.

- 1) **When Then Was Now.** By Guyant, Wayne A. Weekly Waupaca County Post Column July 26, 1990 scattered through February 2, 1995, compiled by Julie Hintz and Jerry Chappell, 2013..

The following is an excerpt from Editor Loren F. Sperry's 1990 introduction of Guyant's weekly history column for the *Waupaca County Post*:

Wayne and Alta Guyant have spent much of the past two decades systematically mapping cemeteries, copying and clipping obituaries, weddings and birth reports from newspapers, delving into courthouse files, and meticulously cataloging their accumulated information in the ring binder books that fill several huge bookshelves at their home in Waupaca.

This document contains many, but not all, of Guyant's articles. The author's profiles or narrative accounts are usually one to one-and-a-half pages long without a title other than "When Then Was Now" placed within the article. For this document, Guyant's articles were arbitrarily placed by this author into one of three sections: people (51 articles), buildings and/or businesses (45 articles), and events (8 articles).

Many articles have a flow of information that fits into all three sections. Most building and business entries also name owners and most people entries mention their building or business. His key resources were earlier *Waupaca Post* articles; records of deeds; birth, marriage, and obituary records; and cemetery records.

Arguably, Wayne Guyant is the number one all time historian of the Waupaca area. The author often researched and wrote about a subject because someone asked questions about that person, building, company, or event. In the case of people, he usually reported who the parents and children were, the place of birth and growing up, the person married to, and life highlights. The accounts often cover historical information for most of the 20th Century. Wayne continued to write until his death in 1995.



Wayne and Alta Guyant. Photo courtesy of the Waupaca Historical Society.

2) The History of Bethany Home – The First Hundred Years 1897-1997. A Bethany Home Document, compiled by Jerry Chappell, 2014.

This three-ring binder contains, chronologically, significant material (brochures, newspaper articles from scrapbooks, and photos from albums) in Polypropylene wrapping that have been selected from the archival records of the Home. It is a 'patched' history in that only material that could be copied (brown brochures and articles that were dated and could be cleaned up, and photos that were identified (by year, event and people names) and were of good quality.

The document is introduced with a preface, a time line of events, and a table of contents.

Chapter One (The Bethany Orphanage and Home for the Aged and Infirm), via articles and brochures, nicely records events during the years of the Children's Home (1895-1953) and the pre-nursing years (1954-1961) when lonely elderly were given a place to live.

In Chapter Two (Campaigning, Building, and Moving into the New 1960 Bethany Home 1958 - 1961), fifteen articles from the *Waupaca County Post* and the *Appleton Post-Crescent*, along with some pages of snapshots, give a fairly detailed account of the progression in the creation of the present Bethany Home.

Chapter Three (Events in Bethany Home during the 1960's and 1970's) includes over 25 newspaper articles, and a dozen pamphlets and/or pages of photos that chronicle the operation of the Home during this two decade period.

In Chapter Four (Bethany Events from 1980 – 1997) the articles, photos, and brochures highlight the expansion of the Bethany campus to include an 'Extended Living and Nursing Home', 'Assisted Living Apartments' and 'Independent Living Duplexes'.



The Children's Home in the 1900's.



The Bethany Home in the 2000's.

3) Medical Doctors in Waupaca 1852 – Present, Hintz, Julie, compiler and Jerry Chappell, expander and updater, Waupaca Historical Society, 2013

Around 2005, WHS Director Julie Hintz commenced to sort the accumulating articles and photos from the topic file of the Holly History and Genealogy Center into two ring binders which she labeled "Medical Doctors in Waupaca" and "Early Waupaca Hospitals and Riverside Medical Center." Over the years, she also did some research, along with other members of the Society, to gather up additional material from the 1850s onward for the "Doctors" ring binder, and from the 1900s for the "Hospital" binder.

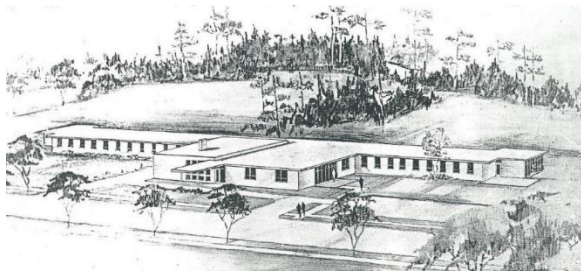
In 2013 Jerry Chappell made his contribution by adding additional update research findings, by writing a preface, and by listing a table of contents – all a part of the compiling process. Thus the products became, "Medical Doctors in Waupaca, 1950 – Present" and its companion document "Early Waupaca Hospitals, Riverside Medical Center, and ThedaCare Physicians.

This document, which, undoubtedly, is only a part of the doctoral history of Waupaca, commences with a table of contents, a Medical Time Line (1850-2000) by Julie Hintz, and a List of Waupaca Physicians (1850-1925) by David Hathaway. The first section provides accounts of early doctors and dentists (starting with the 1850s): The second section offers a series of articles covering the period of the 1980s and 1990's including many articles and photos from the 'centennial series' and local newspapers. The final section includes doctoral updates through 2013.

4) **Early Hospitals, Riverside Medical Center, and ThedaCare**, Hintz, Julie, compiler and Gerald E. Chappell, expander. Waupaca Historical Society, 2013.

This history record, and its companion “Medical Doctors in Waupaca 1852-Present”, in three ring binders in the Holly History and Genealogy Center, are basically article-based scrapbooks collected and assembled by Julie Hintz and Gerald Chappell in collaboration with other WHS members. With pages encased in Polypropylene wrapping, they contain many newspaper articles from the *Waupaca County Post* and other newspapers, brochures and annual reports, a number of special events or ceremonies, some illustrations, many photographs, and notices of staff additions or retirements.

In chronological order, centennial reports, newspaper history articles and photo sections about the medical units include early Waupaca Hospitals 1920s – 1950s, a Medical Time Line for Doctors 1852-2000, accounts of the creation of the Riverside Community Memorial Hospital (1947-1963), and information about the joining of ThedaCare Physicians with the rest of the hospital complex.



Riverside Medical Hospital 1955.



Riverside Medical Center and ThedaCare Physicians.

5) **The Waupaca Foundry**. Chappell, Gerald E. Compiler. Waupaca Historical Society. 2013.

This document of newspaper article clippings and photos is in a three-ring binder that is gradually added to as history progresses. David Hathaway expresses the importance of the Foundry to the Waupaca Community in the **Waupaca Sesquicentennial, 2007**, Page 53:

“Foremost among the financial underpinnings of Waupaca during the twentieth century was the foundry which had a total of 13 employees in 1955, when purchased by Clifford Schwenn, and rose to a current level of 3,750 internationally (1600 in Waupaca). Production capacity increased from two-three tons per day to 9,000, and the company now ranks as the largest foundry in the world. The importance of this industry to Waupaca’s economic health is evident, and indirectly reflected by the fact that more than half of the 1600 local employees have a Waupaca zip code.”



The document contains all the information in the ‘centennial series’ (Centennial Book of 1957, Our Heritage of 1976, Cartwright in 1999, Lieder about 2005, and Waupaca Sesquicentennial 2007) and articles and interviews from the *Waupaca County Post*. Starting with John Rosche’s 1871 Pioneer and Machine Shop, the document proceeds down through Clifford Schwenn’s 1955 Waupaca Foundry, inc. and the Budd Company with expansion into Plants 2 and 3, and, finally in the 2000’s, the ThyssenKrupp Waupaca Foundry.

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VINTAGE SILVER ON DISPLAY AT HOLLY CENTER

A Special exhibit of vintage silver items is currently on display at the Holly History & Genealogy Center. The exhibit includes items from the collections of the Hutchinson House Museum and the Waupaca Railroad Depot. Of special interest are several pieces of "Soo Line Dining Car Holloware and Flatware" that were donated to the Waupaca Railroad Depot last year by James Taylor of Weyauwega. "Holloware" is a term that refers to the sugar bowls, creamers, coffee pots, teapots, tureens, hot food covers, water pitchers, platters, butter pats, tip trays, and other metal items (with the exception of flatware) that complemented the china on a dining car table.

Holloware was usually silver-plated nickel or brass and occasionally, sterling silver. Holloware items were always marked for the railroad that bought the items from silver manufacturers. Side markings on the holloware usually consisted of the railroad line's logo or railroad name. The holloware that was donated to our collection is marked "Soo Line" and was manufactured by Reed & Barton, prominent silver manufacturers in the late 1800's and the turn of the century.

Also included in the exhibit are many of the silver artifacts from the collection of the Hutchinson House Museum, including a pedestal dessert plate, creamers, sugar bowls, butter dishes, flatware, condiment spoons, a cruet set, a calling card tray, and silver mesh ladies handbags. The largest item on display is a large silver cup trophy with 3 decorative handles. The trophy was a traveling trophy awarded to members of the Waupaca Gun Club in 1917 and then again in 1922 and 1923. Members of the Waupaca Gun Club who competed and helped earn the trophy were Charles Larson, Fred Larson, Oscar Larson, Harry Gordon, Dr. P. Ware, D. Hayward, and T. Cook. The trophy was donated to the Waupaca Historical Society in 1978 by Kenneth Larson, Charles Larson's son. Please stop by the Holly History Center on any Wednesday or Friday afternoons to take a look at this special exhibit.

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Thank you for checking your areas of interest and returning this form to us at the address listed or by contacting us via e-mail at wauphistsoc@waupacaonline.net.

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Whether you can give time for a single event, a few hours a month, or one day a week, we have ways for you to serve the Waupaca community through the Waupaca Historical Society.

- _____ **Assistance at the Holly History Center** - e. g., help the director respond to phone calls, emails and visitors for genealogical or historical information, or help prepare newspaper clippings for filing.
- _____ **Director’s exhibit assistance** - help to plan, collect objects for, and install changing exhibits at the Holly History Center and the Hutchinson House Museum.
- _____ **Registrar’s assistance** – help with cataloging our current material collection and new artifact and printed donations.
- _____ **Webmaster for the Waupaca Historical Society**- coordinate with the Director to maintain and update information on our website as needed.
- _____ **History researcher and/or writer** - research topics and write history articles for the newsletter or for history documents, or write and submit articles for the *County Post* or *the Picture Post*.
- _____ **Newsletter Committee** - work with the director and others to create and mail our quarterly newsletter.
- _____ **Tour Guide at the Hutchinson House Museum** - receive training in the customs of the Victorian era and in the background of our historical house and its furnishings so you can share this information with visitors to the museum.
- _____ **Restoration assistance at the Depot** - use your carpentry, construction, and handyman skills to assist in the refurbishment of the Waupaca Train Depot.
- _____ **Tour guide at the Depot** – learn the history and receive current training in telling about it.
- _____ **Board Member** – inquire about the duties and application process. We are always happy to prepare people for candidacy. Tenure for board members is 3 years.

Please note on the back of this sheet any comments, or ideas for program events or activities that you think the Waupaca Historical Society could sponsor or present. Dennis Lear, the chairman of our board, would love to hear from you!

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Keeping History Alive and Making History

A Plea to Members of the Waupaca Historical Society for Volunteer Help

My wife, Chris, and I, Jerry Chappell, moved to Waupaca in 2004 because we saw that it is a wonderful city to retire in – a city with marvelous features, including a captivating history. Seeking ways to reach out and serve our new city, and still able to do so age-wise, we joined the Waupaca Historical Society and Jerry became one of the members of the Board of Directors. The WHS mission made sense, “keep history alive” - a mission worthy of effort. During our decade with WHS we have tried to be active members, while increasing our knowledge of the city’s rich sesquicentennial history. We saw that a direct personal interactive way to keep history of Waupaca’s Victorian era alive was to serve as guides at the Hutchinson House Museum (HHM). For us, It has been an interesting and rewarding eight year ride mingling with visitors in the HHM to share some facts and artifacts about the rich history of our preserved local 1854 house and home.

Unfortunately, our days of serving as guides are now limited for we are in the twilight years of life. Because that fact is also true of others of the current HHM guide team, our crew is dwindling. The point here is that we need volunteers to join us in a number of rewarding WHS activities at the Holly Center, HHM, and/or the train depot. Note the enclosed volunteer list or give WHS Director Julie Hintz a call and see how you can best, and conveniently, serve as a HHM guide, or in some other capacity with the Waupaca Historical Society