

Recollection Wisconsin

Sharing our Stories. Exploring our Past.

www.recollectionwisconsin.org





Does anyone know the story behind the name?



I remember this like it was yesterday



I was the first girl to work at that store back in 1945.



This looks exactly like the house we had on our farm



My ancestors



I grew up half a block from there



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Absolutely amazing pictures!



Recollection Wisconsin Office Hours

Get help on new projects, feedback on metadata, or any other live assistance you might need for your digital collection

Every Month

Third Thursdays

9:00 - 10:00 am

<https://recollectionwisconsin.org/office-hours>



digital projects **CASE STUDIES**

short accounts from Wisconsin organizations of all sizes
on their work selecting, digitizing, cataloging, and
sharing their historical resources for online access.

<https://recollectionwisconsin.org/digital-projects-case-studies>

Invite a colleague to attend the next Digital Readiness Fair!

Register for one of our upcoming

DIGITAL READINESS FAIRS

June 29 • July 16 • August 3 • August 18

Virtual, free, and open to anyone interested in creating digital historical collections

www.recollectionwisconsin.org/fairs



We believe libraries, cultural institutions, and their partners make the world a better place.

We build relationships and provide services so they can do more with their time and money.

We help our members turn ideas into action.

Visit www.wils.org for more about who we are and what we do.

Let us help you jump-start a film, video, or audio preservation project!

- Archivists will partner with your organization's volunteers during a daylong workshop
- We offer hands-on training for volunteers who will continue the work for your organization

Visit www.communityarchiving.org for more information!



AUDIOVISUAL COLLECTIONS

- *The History Museum at the Castle is a regional partner in the Community Archiving Workshop (CAW).*
- ***Goal:** create curricula, documents, and resources to support aging audiovisual collections.*
- ***Result:** free (yes really!) resources for museums and libraries.*
- *tot.communityarchiving.org*



Museum Volunteer



Washington County Tower Heritage Center Research Center and Archives



Digitization of Obituaries
Digital Migration of Photographs

<http://thetowerheritagecenter.org/>
www.facebook.com/TheTowerHeritageCenter



Digitization of Obituaries



- Ongoing Project
- Digitizing over 33,000 obituary cards
- Digitizing current obituaries from local newspapers:
 - *West Bend News*
 - *Kewaskum Statesman*



Digital Migration of Photographs



- Current project
- 17,000 photographs
- Migrating from master and working DVDs to a secure storage location on server



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Wisconsin Historical Society Local History Outreach Program



Wisconsin was the first state in the country to emphasize the power of local history. Since 1898, because of dedicated community leaders across the state, the Wisconsin Historical Society's network of local history partners has grown to over 400 organizations and nearly 60,000 members and is written into the state's statutes as a vital responsibility of the Society.

Visit us [online](#) or email janet.seymour@wisconsinhistory.org for more information!



NATIONAL
ARCHIVES

NATIONAL HISTORICAL
PUBLICATIONS
& RECORDS COMMISSION

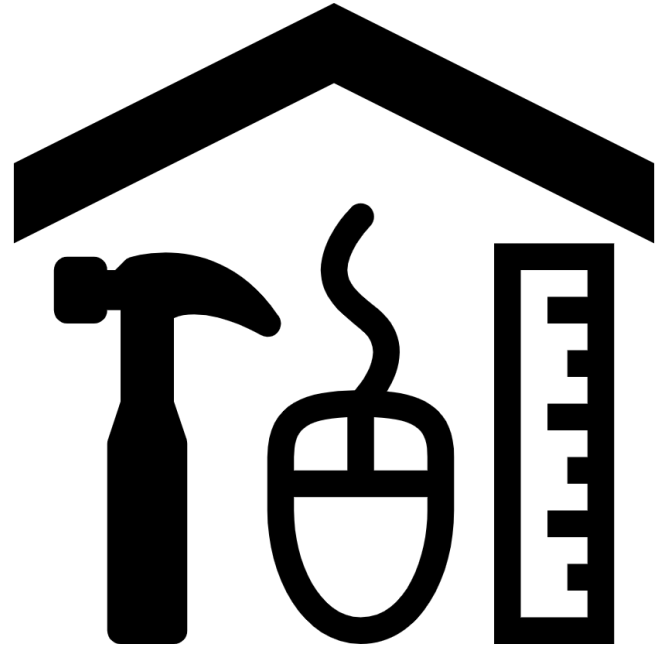
Building a Community of Practice for Digital Readiness in Wisconsin and the Digital Readiness Fairs are supported by an Archives Collaboratives Implementation Grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission , NHPRC, the granting arm of the National Archives.

Thank you, NHPRC!

The Toolkit brings together resources and practitioner advice for creating, managing, and sharing digital collections that address common concerns.

Check out **The Toolkit**:

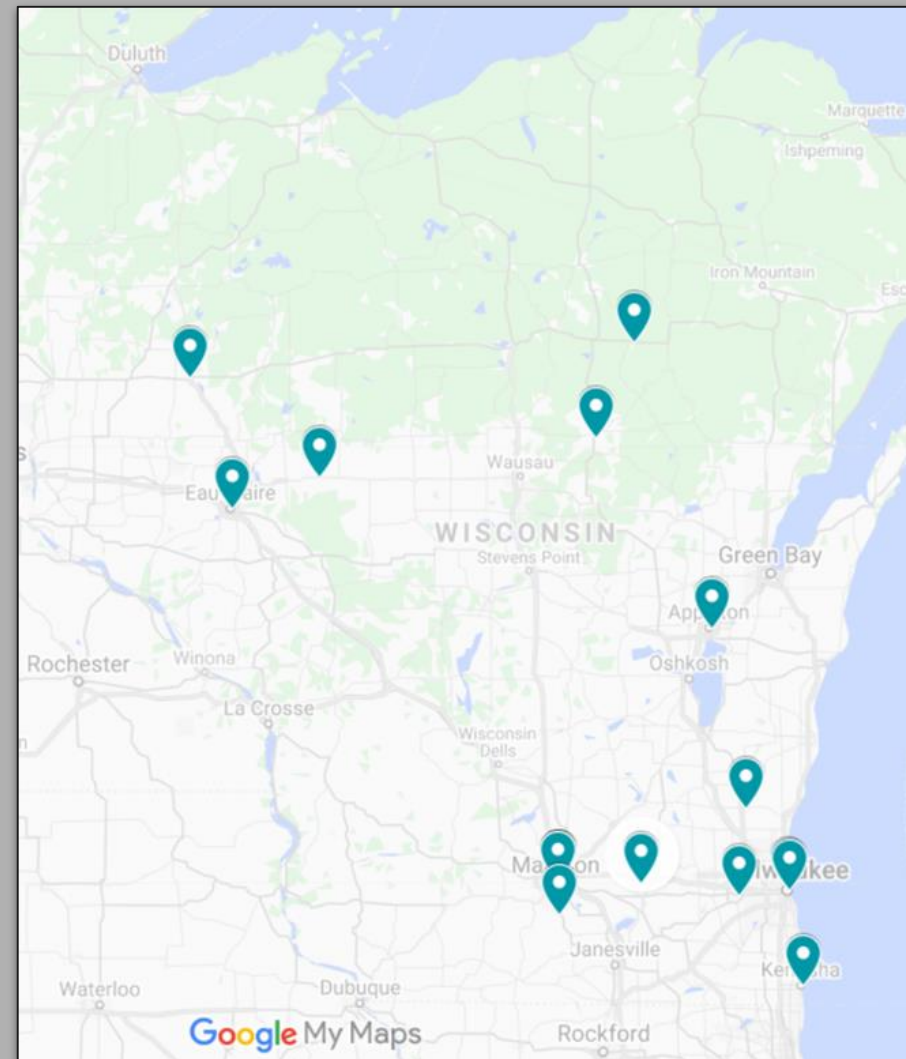
recollection.wisconsin.org/category/toolkit



Our THANKS to the 2020-2021 Digital Readiness Community of Practice Launch Committee:

- ★ **Chris Allen**, Kenosha County Historical Society
- ★ **Ben Barbera** , Milwaukee County Historical Society
- ★ **Bonnie Byrd** , Waukesha County Historical Society
- ★ **Michelle Gobert** , Crandon Area Historical Society
- ★ **Jennifer Gurske** , Madison Trust for Historic Preservation
- ★ **Joe Hermolin** , Langlade County Historical Society
- ★ **Cheryl Kern-Simirenko** , Stanley Area Historical Society
- ★ **Janean Mollet-Van Beckum** , History Center of Washington County
- ★ **Tammy Schutz** , Barron County Historical Society, Pioneer Village Museum
- ★ **Katie Stilp** , Appleton Public Library
- ★ **Robin Untz** , Lake Mills Aztalan Historical Society

**Our Digital
Readiness
Community of
Practice Launch
Committee covers
the state!**



Appleton Public Library

Appleton
Public Library

www.apl.org

www.facebook.com/appletonpubliclibrary

Contact: Katie Stilp, Local History Librarian
kstilp@apl.org or 920-832-6173

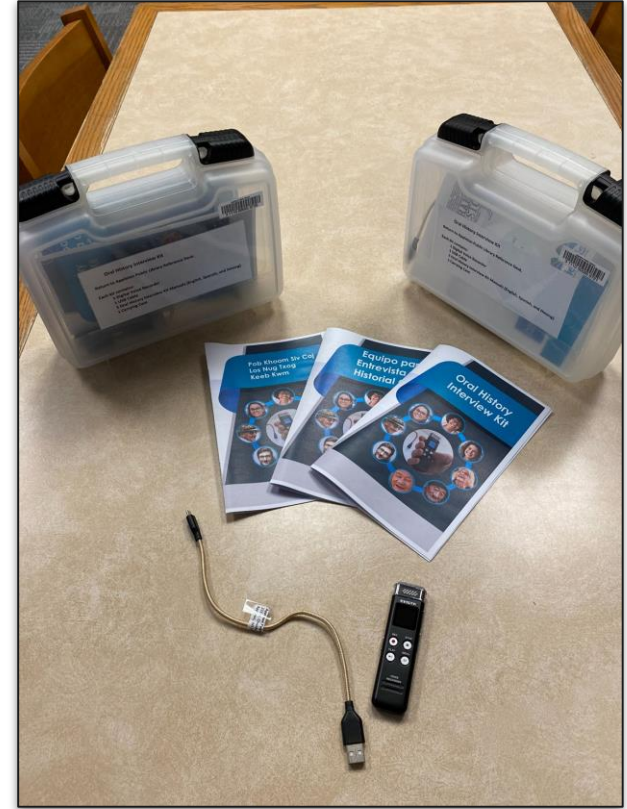


Appleton Public Library's Projects

- Obituary Index
- *Post-Crescent*, newspaper index
- Historic Photos Index
- Digitized historic texts, city directories, plat maps and photos - access via Appleton Memory Project, Fox Valley Memory Project and the UW Digital Collections

Oral History Interview Kits , NEW!

- 14-day check out
- Kits include digital voice recorder, USB cord, tri-lingual manual (English, Spanish and Hmong)
- Includes how to conduct an oral history interview, sample questions and how to use the recorder.



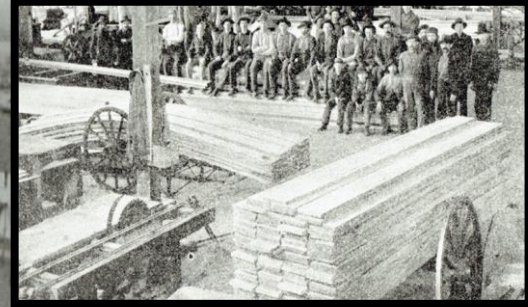


FIND YOUR ANCESTORS

Find Your Ancestors Genealogy Series

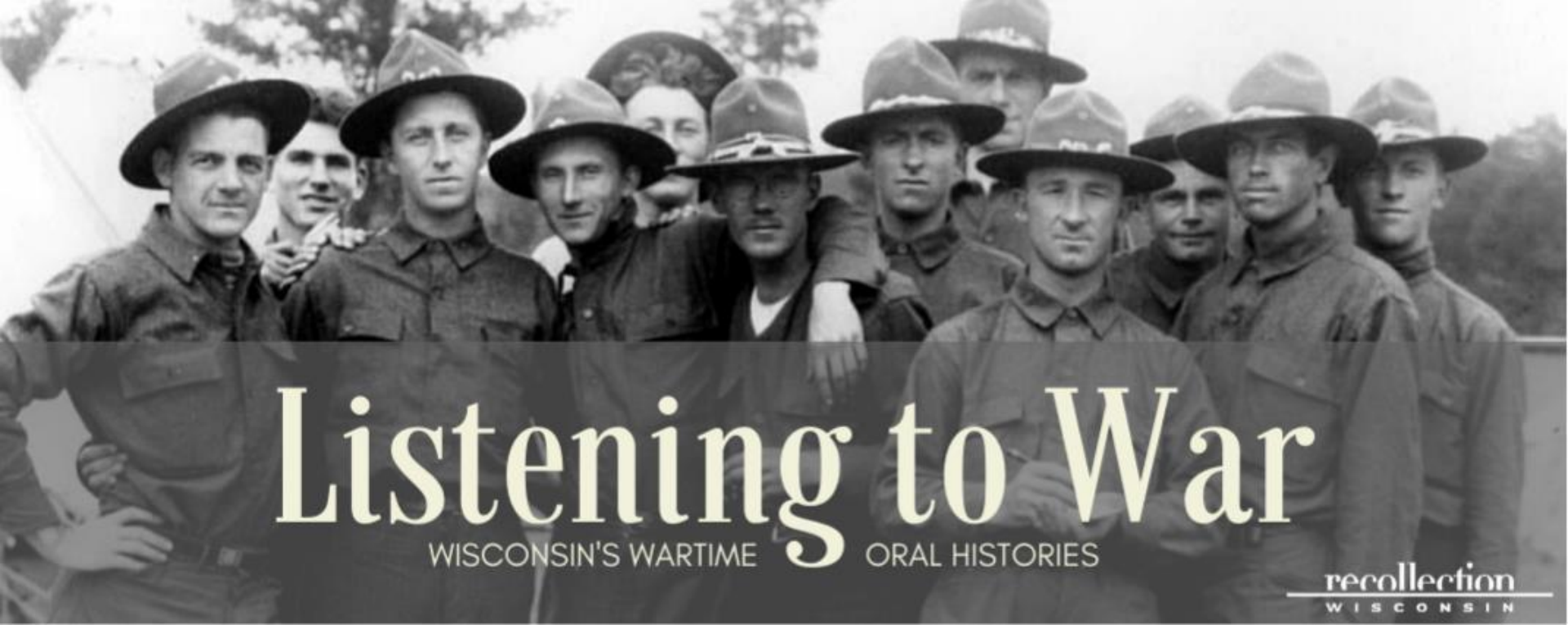
- Virtual events via Zoom
- Upcoming Programs
 - 7/17 - Finding Your German Ancestors
 - 8/14 - The Family Black Sheep
 - 9/11 - Irish Genealogy
- Register here:
www.apl.org/calendar
- Past programs on YouTube:
www.youtube.com/aplref

Northwestern Lumber Company Stanley's Origin



Stanley Area Historical Society

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Listening to War

WISCONSIN'S WARTIME ORAL HISTORIES

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<https://recollectionwisconsin.org/listeningtowar>

Langlade County Historical Society



Carnegie Library opened in 1905 and became a museum in 1997

Antigo student volunteers scan material to share via Recollection Wisconsin



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Soliciting Additions to our Photo Archives

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Check out the Food Pantry recipe on page 6.

Bust those blues!
And enter Journal's contest. Pages 12, 13.

Local schools
Solar project, Nicolet, more. Page 11.


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Langlade County Historical Society President Joe Hermolin scanning photos.

Scanning program aims to save photos, preserve memories

Saving photos—and most importantly using them to preserve memories—is the key to a new initiative hosted by the Langlade County Historical Society and the Healthy Aging in Rural Communities (HeART) program.

"This new project invites, and indeed depends on, community participation," Society President Joe Hermolin said. "It is inspired by events that occur sporadically at the museum. From time to time people visit with family photographs that they allow us to copy for our archives. So, we know there is some community interest which we hope to build on in a more organized way. These photos are an important way for the museum to create and maintain a record of how the area appeared and how people lived their daily lives. Through the museum, we

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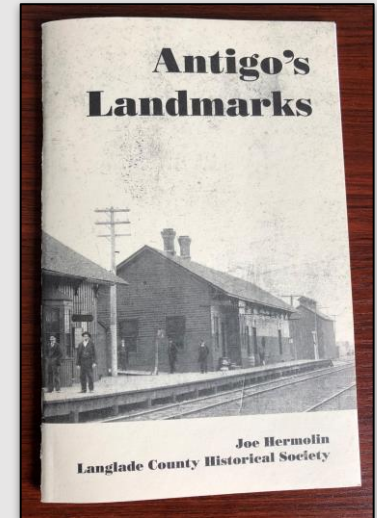
- Collaboration with a seniors' group
- Scanning family photos
- Started before COVID-19 lockdown
- Restarting soon!



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Bike Tour of Antigo's Historic Sites

The first tour led to donations and publication of a booklet!



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Girl Scout Project

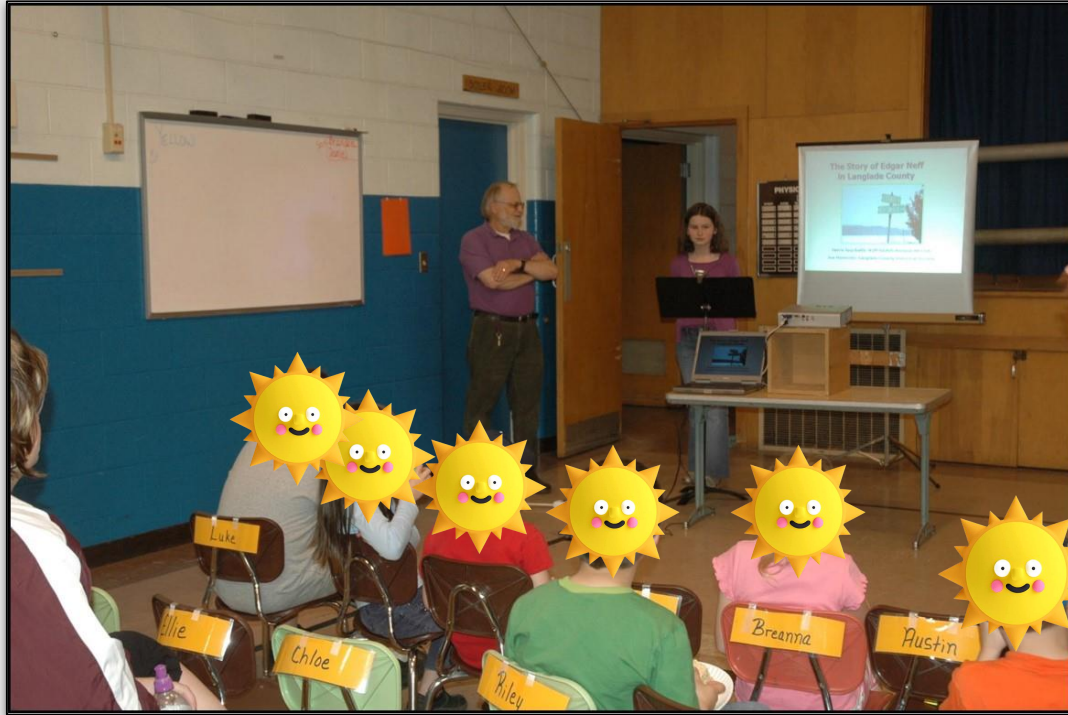
Girl Scouts used the museum archives to prepare interpretive markers along a local trail.



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4H Projects



Museum archives are used by 4H members to prepare presentations.



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Roland “Bud” McBain Recounting his WWII Experiences



A subsequent recorded interview was part of Recollection Wisconsin Listening to War oral history project.

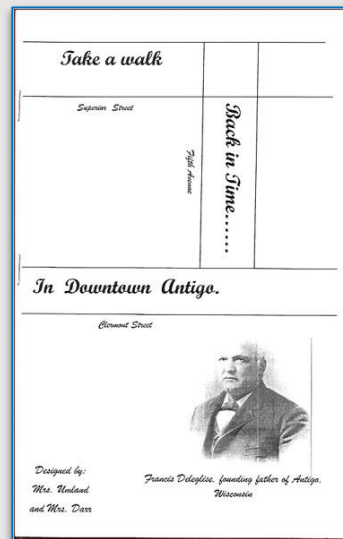


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Middle School Class Project

Middle school teachers used museum archives in an 8th grade project of a walking tour booklet of old downtown Antigo.



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Museum on the Road

Artifacts and photos at public events- here at a dairy farm open house.



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Downtown Revitalization Project

Downtown business association used museum archives photos to produce large vinyl prints for display in a vacant store- part of a continuing, rotating exhibit.



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Santa Visits at Christmas

Cookies are served and each child receives a small gift.



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Join our Digital Readiness Community of Practice!

Sign up to receive our community listserv (digistew [at] wils.org), the Recollection Wisconsin newsletter and other digital readiness communications. Stay informed about our upcoming events and new learning resources to support your digital project work. WELCOME!

Questions? Contact info [at] recollection.org.

* Required

NAME *

Your answer

ORGANIZATION

Your answer

EMAIL *

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Go to:

tinyurl.com/dsbp75kn



Want to see all
these great links in
one place?

linktr.ee/digireadiness

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DIGITIZE OCONTO COUNTY



Project Goal:

*Preserving the history of
Oconto County
—one page at a time—
and making the newspaper content
freely accessible to everyone*

<http://ocnews.co.oconto.wi.us>



Oconto County Genealogical Society

<http://www.wiocgs.org>

Index to all the transcribed
Oconto County cemeteries.

<http://www.wicemeteries.com>





OCONTO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

<http://www.ocontoctyhistsoc.org>



Kenosha County Historical Society



- Founded January 24, 1878
- Had campuses in public buildings and a Victorian mansion.
- Opened Kenosha History Center in 2002
- Renovated the Southport Light Station during 1990s and 2000s, opened Light Station Museum in 2010.
- www.kenoshahistorycenter.org



C.E. Dewey Lantern Slide Collection

- Cortland Ernest Dewey was President of KCHS from 1933 to 1945.
- Created over a thousand slides on Kenosha County history.
- 1232 glass slides digitized under 2008 LSTA Grant administered by IMLS, and in collaboration with Kenosha Public Library.



Louis M. Thiers Glass Negative Collection

- Louis Milton Thiers was a Kenosha-based photographer.
- Over 1000 glass negatives digitized.
- Digitized under same IMLS grant as Dewey Collection, with the Kenosha Public Library.



Kenosha's Lost Industries



- From 1850s to 1970s, Kenosha was a major industrial center.
- Over 1600 photos and digitized textual materials.
- Completed with a 2011 LSTA Grant administered by IMLS, and in collaboration with Kenosha Public Library.



American Motors digitization project with independent filmmaker Joe Ligo.

- 600 videotapes of American Motors corporate and factory materials.
- Variety of formats including Ampex and Sony reel-to-reel video tape, U-Matic and Betamax cassettes.