

ST. FRANCIS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members:

Move Update: St. Francis Historical Society

We have completed the move from the Lupo House to Deer Creek Middle School. Some items are still stored in the semi which is parked behind the Lupo House. The house is going to be used for practice by the St. Francis Police Department sometime during March.

As a fund raiser for the society, the City of St. Francis is graciously allowing us to sell whatever we can from the Lupo House prior to demolition. Items available for sale include: kitchen cabinets, appliances, wet bar with foot rail, drapes, curtains, file cabinets, doors, etc. If you are interested in purchasing anything still remaining in the house, you can do so when the police are finished using the Lupo House. Interested individuals should contact: Dennis & Carol Wojtecki at 438-4698 or Jim Goodwin at 762-7805.

St. Francis Seed Sale

The St. Francis Historical Society is having a 2nd annual Heirloom Seed Sale. The seeds can be purchased at St. Francis Public Library, every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Vegetable and flower seed packets will be available for sale until April 30, 2011. Profits from the seed sale benefit the St. Francis Historical Society. For questions, contact Carol & Dennis Wojtecki at 438-4698.

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*We will be featuring a series of biographies of men from the area who served in the Civil War.*

### *Orlando Ellsworth*

Orlando Ellsworth answered the call of West and came to Wisconsin with his wife, Julia, in 1838. He located in the Town of Lake where he took up land.

When the Civil War came to Milwaukee County, Orlando answered the call for volunteers and enlisted in Company K, 24<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin and served through years of bloodshed and hardship. His 14-year-old son, E. S. Ellsworth also enlisted as a drummer boy. He followed the American flag through shot and shell, serving gallantly.

Later, the Ellsworths moved to Iowa, and another son, Berthier, was born at Iowa Falls on June 4, 1866. The Ellsworths returned to Milwaukee, and Berthier received his education at the Milwaukee Academy.

After Berthier left school, he went into the grain business and in 1888 became associated with L. Bartlett and Son, Co. He was a member of the Board of Trade and for two years served as Vice President, and two years later, President.

Berthier was a member of the Wisconsin National Guard, and a private in Battery A. He advanced to the position of Corporal, and after his term expired, was mustered out of the service with honor in 1892.

In 1892, Berthier married Mary Vance Dawson, the daughter of Alfred Dawson of Milwaukee. They had three children: Blanche Emma, A. Dawson, and Josephine J.

Berthier was a member of the Milwaukee Athletic Club, the Blue Mound Country Club and the Yacht Club. He was also a Thirty-Second degree Mason.

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### *How can you live without knowing these facts?*

- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.
- Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.
- Coco Cola was originally green.
- The youngest pope was eleven years old.
- Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades – King David, Hearts – Charlemagne, Clubs – Alexander the Great, Diamonds – Julius Caesar.
- $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$
- Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.
- What do bullet-proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers all have in common? All invented by women!
- What is the only food that doesn't spoil? Honey
- There are more collect calls on this day than on any other day of the year: Father's Day
- In English ~~pub~~ is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them to mind their own pints and quarts and settle down. It's where we get the phrase, "Mind your P's and Q's".

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We have moved to Deer Creek School and we need help arranging artifacts, cataloging, and computer input. If you have some extra time and would like to help us, please call Bill Drehfal at 481-6511.