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The following is taken from a report written by Kim Cummings entitled "St. Francis Street Names and Their History".

Zebedee Packard

Born March 23, 1789 in Jericho, Chittenden County Vermont

Died September 20, 1855 in Lake Township

Age 66 years, 5 months, 27 days

Married: Nancy Rouse

Children of Zebedee and Nancy:

Elizabeth D. Born 1811/12

John P. Born November 1, 1813?

Died August 1, 1816 at the age of 2 years, 9 months

Lucius Born 1814/15

Daniel Ransom Born 1815/16 Married Cynthia Burlingame

Sylvia E. Born July 22, 1817

George C. Born 1819 Died 1889

Elvina D. Born 1819/20

Charles Marvin Born 1821/22 Married Sarah E. Baker

Giles M.

This interesting gentleman, a veteran of the War of 1812, was the central figure of an amusing anecdote involving a rumored Indian raid and a greased boot. The story can be found in a pamphlet entitled "The Milwaukee Story" published in 1948. From the pension records of GSA in Washington DC:

He served in Lt. Peter Allen's Co., Regiment of Volunteers (Vermont), which was commanded by Lt. Col. George Tyler. He was in the invasion of Plattsburg. Zebedee volunteered for service on September 7, 1817.

Local History:

The Packard family's property stretched from Lincoln School in Cudahy north to what is now St. Francis. Packard Avenue was a path to his house in the early 1840's and was later named after him. Zebedee Packard was buried in Lake Protestant Cemetery in 1855; Plot #6.

Cynthia Packard (nee Burlingame)

Wife of Daniel Packard

Daughter of Spencer and _____ Burlingame

Born December 22, 1818 in New York State

Died _____ 13, 1895

Age 76 years

John P. Packard

Died August 1, 1816?? 1846?? Note: I have 1846 used frequently but also 1816 is used.
Age 2 years 9 months

Note: Either this child was, after perhaps 20 years, exhumed from a cemetery back east and taken by his parents for reburial, or Packard settled here even before Solomon Juneau?

Daniel Ransom Packard

Born in 1815 in Vermont. Married on April 26, 1838 to Cynthia Burlingame (died April 13, 1895; Age 76 years)

Children of Daniel and Cynthia:

Nancy B.	Born 1838/39
Willard R.	Born 1840/41
Laura Elizabeth	Born 1843/44
Lori F.	Born 1846/47
Cynthia	Born
Daniel R.	Born 1852/53

Daniel Ransom Packard was made Constable of the Town of Lake in April of 1858 after chasing a horse thief to Racine. His farm was roughly bounded by Lunham, Packard, and Kirkwood Avenues.

(To Be Continued...)

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Because the City of St. Francis has asked us to move our artifacts out of the Lupo House, we have begun negotiations with the St. Francis School Board and the Superintendent of Schools to move our collection to a large room at Deer Creek School. We are also investigating the basement of the St. Francis Community Center as an alternative. On Saturday, January 16, 2010 we will begin the process of sorting and packing our collection.

On January 18, 2010 the Board of Directors will be meeting with the St. Francis School Board to gather information and answer any questions they may have.

As of the November 2009 election, the St. Francis Historical Society Board of Directors now consists of: Bill Drehfal (President), Lois Neubauer (Vice President), Kathy Matthew (Secretary), Carol Wojtecki (Treasurer), Ed Wagner, Terry Duffey, Milt Vretenar, Mary Drehfal, and Richard Raatz.

At this time we would like to extend our thanks to the following outgoing board members for their many years of service: Jim Goodwin, Ron Tessmer and Matt Kuspa. Our condolences to Mary Hoppe on the death of her husband, Rudy. Mary and Rudy were very active members of the historical society.