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THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Initiated by the "Wheeling Junior Woman's Club", a Historical Society Steering Committee was formed in June 1965. The Steering Committee consisted of 12 Interested people in the Community, who wished to see a "Historical Society" formed. The purpose of such an organization is to be the History of the Community of Wheeling.

In July the constitution and by-laws were prepared and a group nominating committee was appointed. On August 25th, 1965 the group prepared to Charter, the constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following officers were elected.

President-----	Merl Willis
Vice-President-----	Marshall Balling
Secretary-----	Dorothy Forke
Treasurer-----	Lucile Schneider

Directors:	Mrs. John Koeppen
	Mrs. James K. Wieder

Curator:	Mrs. Merl Willis
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Thus was the beginning of "Wheeling's newest organization to preserve it's History.

Membership is open to everyone.

Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 8:00 P. M. in the Wheeling Village Hall.

Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

September 27, 1965

Place: The Wheeling Village Hall

The meeting was called to order by the President; Merl Willis with six (6) members present consisting of Hazel Willis; Ethel Wieder; Lucile Schneider; Sam Datillo and Dorothy Forke.

Minutes of the August 25th meeting were read and approved of by motion made by Ethel Wieder and second by Sam Datillo. The motion carried.

The President read a letter he had written and not mailed as yet for "THE WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT" to thank them for the use of the Ol "1896" Fire Pumper which they gave consent to display in our Booth at the "Wheeling Family Fair" held at the Wheeling High School Grounds September 4th and 5th.

A letter written and mailed by Dorothy Forke addressed to H. I. Sommerfeld of Wheeling inquiring about the "Old Presbyterian Church Structure" on Dundee road which is rumored to be for sale. This building was mentioned as one that should be preserved by The Historical Society.

A note of thanks was extended to Marshall Balling for his efforts in seeing that the "Old Fire Pumper" was transferred to the "Fair Grounds" and also for the very fine artistic Poster he had made and contributed towards our Booth.

A letter received from the State Historical Society of Springfield dated September 14th recognizing our newly formed Society. This contained brochure explaining the benefits of our group or even one member joining with them. Fees were described such as a Life Membership at a cost of \$50.00 or a business group for \$25.00 and the Individual for \$5.00. Letter also enclosed questionnaire and forms pertaining to the coming convention to be held in Bloomington soon. After the reading of the letter by the President; discussion followed as to what to do for reply.

A motion was made by Sam Datillo and second by Lucile Schneider to enroll Merl Willis as a member from our Society and to represent us at the coming convention. Included in the motion was the subscription of their magazine for the \$1.25 for one year. The total of \$6.25 to be dispensed from our treasury.

Discussion came about as to what to do to interest more people to join as members and how to create more publicity for our Society. Suggestions were made by the President to make phone calls and try to tell those who have lived in the Village a long time and in the Area.

After suggestion of a Publicity Committee; the President appointed Sam Datillo and Dana Benjamin to act on this committee.

Ethel Wieder made a motion to adjourn. Hazel Willis second the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

*Dorothy Forke* secretary

Certificate Number 1811

To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

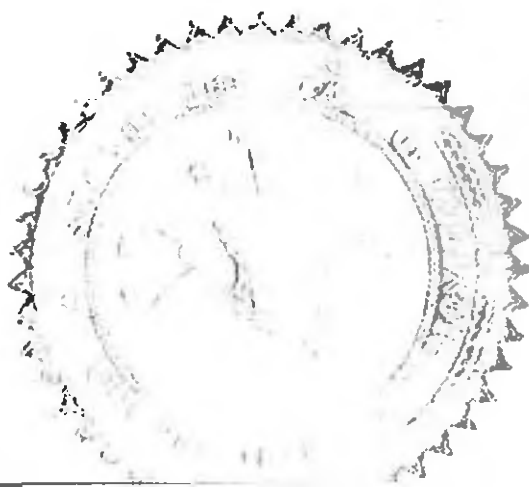
Whereas, Articles of Incorporation duly signed and verified of

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

have been filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on the 29th  
day of October A.D. 1965, as provided by the "GENERAL NOT  
FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT" of Illinois, approved July 17, 1943, in force  
January 1, A.D. 1944;

Now Therefore, I, PAUL POWELL, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois,  
by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Certificate of  
Incorporation and attach thereto a copy of the Articles of Incorporation  
of the aforesaid corporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I thereto set my hand and cause to  
be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois.  
Done at the City of Springfield, this 29th  
day of October AD 1965 and  
of the Independence of the United States  
the one hundred and 90th.



*Paul Powell*

SECRETARY OF STATE

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
UNDER THE  
GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT**  
(These Articles Must Be Filed in Duplicate)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

Date Paid 10-29-65  
Filing Fee \$ 10.00  
Clerk [Signature]

To PAUL POWELL, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois.

We, the undersigned,

(Not less than three)

Name	Number	Street	Address City	State
SHIRLEY KOEPFEN	284	Cindy Lane	Wheeling	Illinois
RUTH E. WIEDER	116	South Wille Street	Wheeling	Illinois
MERLE WILLIS	60	North Wolf Road	Wheeling	Illinois
MARSHALL C. BALLING	444	East Dundee Road	Wheeling	Illinois

being natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more and citizens of the United States, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the "General Not For Profit Corporation Act" of the State of Illinois, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

- The name of the corporation is: WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- The period of duration of the corporation is: Perpetual  
(Please state "perpetual" or a definite number of years)
- The address of its initial Registered Office in the State of Illinois is: 67 South Milwaukee Ave. Street  
in the Village of Wheeling ( ) County of Cook and  
(Zone)  
the name of its initial Registered Agent at said Address is: DOROTHY FORKE
- The first Board of Directors shall be Seven in number, their names and addresses being as follows:  
(Not less than three)

Name	Number	Street	Address City	State
Hazel Willis	60	North Wolf Road	Wheeling	Illinois
Shirley Koepfen	284	Cindy Lane	Wheeling	Illinois
Ruth Wieder	116	South Wille St.	Wheeling	Illinois
Merle Willis	60	North Wolf Road	Wheeling	Illinois
Marshall C. Balling	444	East Dundee Road	Wheeling	Illinois
Dorothy Forke	67	South Milwaukee Ave.	Wheeling	Illinois
Lucile Schneider	133	North Milwaukee Ave.	Wheeling	Illinois

- The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:  
The discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the history of Wheeling

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(NOTE: Any special provision authorized or permitted by statute to be contained in the Articles of Incorporation, may be inserted above.)

## (INCORPORATORS MUST SIGN BELOW)

Shirley Koeppen  
Ruth E. Wieder  
Marle Willis  
Marshall C. Balling

Incorporators

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

County of Cook

ss.

I, W. C. Balling28thday of Oct, 1965a Notary Public do hereby certify that on the  
Shirley Koeppen, Ruth E. Wieder  
 (Names of Incorporators)Marle Willis and Marshall C. Balling

personally appeared before me and being first duly sworn by me severally acknowledged that they signed the foregoing document in the respective capacities therein set forth and declared that the statements therein contained are true.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

W. C. Balling  
 Notary Public

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GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT

CORPORATION ACT

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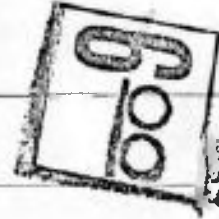
Paul Powell  
 Secretary of State

(These Articles Must Be Executed and Filed in Duplicate)

Filing Fee \$10.00

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Certificate of  
Incorporation  
of



Marshall C Balling  
4 So Milwaukee Ave  
Wheeling, Ill

**STATE OF ILLINOIS,**

Office of the  
**Secretary of State**

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*Shelby K. Crow*

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To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

Whereas, Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation duly signed and verified of

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

have been filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on the 17th day of September A. D. 19 68 as provided by the "GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT" of Illinois, approved July 17, 1943, in force January 1, A. D. 1944;

Now Therefore, I, PAUL POWELL, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Certificate of Amendment and attach thereto a copy of the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the aforesaid corporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois.

Done at the City of Springfield this 17th day of September AD. 19 68 and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and 93rd.

*Paul Powell*

SECRETARY OF STATE

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To Be Filed  
In Duplicate  
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FORM NP-35

Date 9-17-67

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT  
to the  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
under the

Filing Fee \$ 10.00Clerk MD

## GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT

To PAUL POWELL, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois.

The undersigned corporation, for the purpose of amending its Articles of Incorporation and pursuant to the provisions of Section 35 of the "General Not For Profit Corporation Act" of the State of Illinois, hereby executes the following Articles of Amendment:

1. The name of the corporation is: Wheeling Historical Society
2. There are SOME members, having voting rights with respect to amendments:  
(Insert "no" or "some")

(Strike paragraphs (a), (b), or (c) not applicable)

3. (a) At a meeting of members, at which a quorum was present, held on August 28, 1968 same receiving at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes entitled to be cast by the members of the corporation present or represented by proxy at such meeting.

(b) By a consent in writing signed by all members of the corporation entitled to vote with respect thereto, X X

(c) ~~At~~ <sup>X</sup> at a meeting of directors (members having no voting rights with respect to amendments) held on X, 19X same receiving the votes of a majority of the directors then in office, <sup>X</sup> the following amendment or amendments were adopted in the manner prescribed by the "General Not For Profit Corporation Act" <sup>X</sup> of the State of Illinois: X

Be it hereby resolved that the purpose of the Society be amended to include the following provisions:

Benefit Exemptions, Exclusion from Certain Activities and a Regulation Governing the Dissolution of the Society as reproduced in full on the attached page.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned corporation has caused these Articles of Amendment to be executed in its name by its X President, and its X Secretary, this 4th day of September, 1968.



Wheeling Historical Society

(Exact Corporate Title)

By John W. H. Keppner Jr.

Its President

Anthony F. Fale

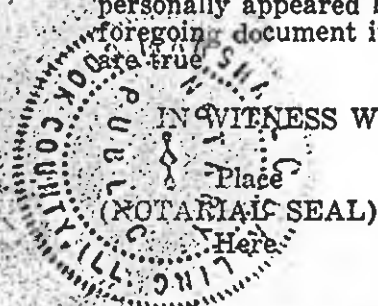
Its Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF COOK } ss.

I, MARSHALL C. BALLING, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on the 16th day of Sept., 1968, John W. H. Keppner Jr.  
(Acknowledgment by either officer is sufficient)

personally appeared before me and, being first duly sworn by me, acknowledged that he signed the foregoing document in the capacity therein set forth and declared that the statements therein contained were true.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year before written.



Marshall C. Balling  
Notary Public.

FORM NP-35

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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Paul Powell  
Secretary of State

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September 4, 1968

The Purpose of the Society (Article 5 of the Original Charter) is hereby amended to include the following:

No part of the net earnings of the Society shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, Board of Directors, Officers or other private persons, except that the Society shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation.

No substantial part of the activities of the Society shall be the carrying on of propoganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Society shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions, the Society shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law).

Upon the dissolution of the Society, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Society, dispose of all of the assets of the Society exclusively for the purposes of the Society in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the County in which the principal office of the Society is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated for such purposes.

Approved by a majority vote of the Members, August 28, 1968.

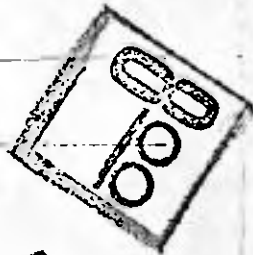
John W. H. Koeppen  
John W. H. Koeppen, President

Dorothy Forke  
Dorothy Forke, Secretary

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**Certificate of  
Amendment  
to the articles of Incorporation  
of**



**MAIL**

A. G. DAKS  
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THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

October 27, 1965

Place: The Wheeling Village Hall

Meeting was called to order by President Merl Willis at 9 P. M. with (9) members present.

The minutes of the previous September 27th meeting were read and approved of by motion made by Hazel Willis; second by Marshall Balling. The motion carried.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$22.75 on hand and 15 paid members. Motion was made by Marshall Balling; second by Ethel Wieder to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Merl Willis presented and read a letter he had previously written addressed to "The Wheeling Village Board" and had not as mailed. Letter contained the announcing of our newly formed Society and expressing our interest in the "Old Village Hall" for use as a Museum to display Historical Items from the Past History of Wheeling or pertaining to our Village.

Ruth Wieder made a motion to have the letter sent. Surely Koeppen second the motion. The motion carried.

Merl Willis announced he had been down to Springfield recently and had found documentary history dating back to "1850" about our Village. He read the copy he had brought back which contained information similar to what we already had learned about the Village and Township. A Land Surveyor by the name of Rossiter had placed this information there. Merl said that was all that he could find on file about records pertaining to our Village of Wheeling at the State Capitol.

Tho we are still in the dark about how the Village derived it's name or the definition of the meaning of "Wheeling".

Discussions came about from Ruth Wieder concerning permission to pick up old relics and antiques to restor them an where to keep them for the time being. Members replied to wait until we find a place of our own.

Surely Koeppen approached us with the question of our financial status. She suggested to get the Society rolling for money to pursue some fund raising benefit. She suggested having a Patawatomí Indian from "The Indian Center" to speak to us for a designated date and charging a fee to help our Treasury. Surely said she would try to make contact at the Indian Center for a Speaker.

Marshall Balling stated he had sent for our "Charter" and would take care of the registering it with the State Secretary's Office and also to take care of the Legality involved with this.

Ruth Wieder suggested the secretary write to the U. S. Historical Documentary Office for information about the Village.

After a pleasing interest shwon in the Society tonight and no more business to discuss; Lucile Schneider made a motion to adjourn. Marshall Balling second the motion. The motion carried.

*Lucile Schneider* secretary

Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

November 27, 1965  
Place: The Wheeling Village Hall

Meeting was called to order at 8 P. M. by the secretary in the absence of the President.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved of by motion made by Sam Datillo and second by Ruth Wieder. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report of 15 paid members and a balance of \$17.65 on hand was accepted by motion made by Fred Moeller and second by Sam Datillo. The motion carried.

Donna McMahon presented a check for \$10.00 from the "WHEELING JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB" in behalf of our "CHARTER".

Communications were read from The Ohio County Library of Wheeling, West Virginia with a summary of what is thought could be the meaning or how the name of "WHEELING" probably was so called.

A brochure from the Chicago Historical Society describing it's founding and membership fee cost and the hours their Museum is open to the public.

A letter from the Pioneer Heritage Center of Chicago explaining their tours through Lincoln County and the cost.

Merl Willis read a brief history of The Wheeling Chamber of Commerce from it's beginning dating back to 1927 when it was originally called the Wheeling Co-operative Club. Now announcing its official Charter with offices on the second floor of The Wheeling Trust & Savings Bank Building.

Merl Willis, the president also read a copy of documentary history of our Village dating back to 1852 which he found in the Village records which contained many names of early property owners in the Village. He brought the subject of compiling a history of the Village; in a book form such as people were asking for.

Dana Benjamin approached with calling our attention to the "Old Village Hall Structure" on south Milwaukee Avenue and that the JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB have written the Village Board and had not received any reply. Merl Willis explained that there would have to be a lot of repair and work done in order to restore this building for safe use.

Surely Koeppen spoke about a fund raising project. She gave the secretary the address of the Indian Center to write to inquire for an authentic Potawatomie Indian to speak for one evening for a fund raising project.

Comments from the members of the JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB members who were present this evening as what to do about membership drive for our society.

Ruth Wieder said she had brought the items she had found and collected but had no place to keep them. Also that the Village clerk's office had a list of the items.

Fred Moeller volunteered to keep them in his garage as he said he has space for them.

Marshall Balling stated he has placed our CHARTER in a safe.

John Koeppen made a motion to adjourn. Dana Benjamin second the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

*Ruth Wieder* secretary

Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

December 23, 1965  
Place: Whe Willis Home  
60 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling, Illinois

The meeting was called to order at 8 P. M.

Minutes of the previous November 27th meeting were read and approved of by motion made and carried.

This being the Holiday Week and meeting in ~~one~~ Presidents and Curator's home; there was rather an informal discussion of plans and ideas.

The first came from Dana Benjamin explaining about the Green Belt program that the Community Council has been working on. That she suggested we send some one from our Society to represent us at the Council's next meeting.

The President appointed Sam Datillo for this.

Dana also gave us a list of ideas about establishing Land Markers and that we should try to join with the Park District in making sure that the Green Belt program would include at least some Historical plants of our area. That they should become responsible for markers financially and that parts could be called "A walk Through History". Also invite some one from the council to speak at our next meeting on the program of the "Green Belt".

Discussion followed about the conversion of the Old Village Hall into a Museum. Controversary about the parking situation and outside landescaping and if not property available where to place the Structure. Suggestsions of the Park District Field: the Amvet Park or along the Des Plaines River Trail.

A motion was made by John Koeppen and second by Dana Benjamin to have some one from The Community Council speak to us at the next meeting night. Motion Carried.

Ruth Wieder made a motion to have an Executive Board to meet a special time to complete plans and have the Village Board to proclaim a day of Observation. Dana Benjamin second the motion Motion Carried. Ruth suggested the secretary write to the State Historical Society for advice as to which would be more appropriate; the old settlers day; the post office first established or the Incorporation date of the Village and call this Founders Day.

Ruth Wieder made a motion to adjourn.

Marshall second.  
Motion Carried. *Anthony Toke*

Minutes of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday January 26, 1966

Place: Wheeling Village Hall

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 P. M. The lateness of the hour was due to the presence of an invited representative from the Wheeling Community Council who was asked to speak to us about the proposed "Green Belt" program for the Wheeling Area. A Mr. Owen came and showed the members before the meeting the slides taken along the Buffalo Creek and other natural green spots. He explained how they are trying to establish a network of green belts and pedestrian paths and to preserve the Buffalo Creek plain as a strip park. He told us that there is much Historical Value in this Area with the Creek; the Des Plaines River and the Forest Preserve so closely located together. This being the stimulus of introduction to our society which would tie in with our suggested Land Markers and the suggestion of some parts be called "A Walk Through History" That the Wheeling Community Council is doing all they can to help make this become a reality. Our members present viewed with much interest as we hope to work with them.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved of by motion made by Marshall Balling; second by Ruth Wieder. Motion Carried.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$31.85 on hand. One dollar paid for annual Charter Fee.

Merl Willis read a letter he had received from The Wheeling Community Council addressed to him asking him to represent the Society and give a summary of what accomplishments are being taken place as the Council has asked some one from each organization of the Village for their next meeting of February. Merl stated that he would not be able to attend. Sam Datillo and Marshall Balling consented to go.

Also a letter addressed to Merl Willis from The Wheeling Township Board inviting the President and a group from our Society to attend their meeting February 1st of special occasion to Honor the President of the Board.

Honorable mention was given to Sam Datillo and Marshall Balling for the fine display of "Old Automobile License Plates" in the Wheeling Trust & Savings Bank.



The reply from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington D. C. contained the names and dates of Post Offices in Wheeling dating back to May 1, 1837.

Marshall Balling reminenced an incident of a party at the Forback Restaurant on North Milwaukee Avenue of the Village of some years back. He told of the owner Mr. Forback known to be the President of the "Waiters Club" of the World at that time. That at this party the well known columnist of Hollywood had attended with her Father. That the building which he spoke of could possibly be the oldest structure in the Village of Wheeling to date.

Doctor Ian Taylor of the Wheeling Community Council was present and told us of his long time hobby of stamp and post mark collecting. He also gave us the information that he had accumulated numerous old photos and information collections of interest when the Lions Club of Wheeling held their fare-well party for the long time Village Physician Doctor E. L. Larson. That if an appeal were made Public it would be surprising what we could dervive for our "Museum".

Merl Willis read the letter he had written addressed to the Village Board informing them of the suggested March 13th Proclamation of "Founders Day" and asking them for their support. He stated that this was well accepted.

Ruth Wieder suggested that the research committee meet immediately to compile a brief summary of the early History of the Village and have stenciled copies distributed to the various schools, organizations and Authorities. That letters be drafted to be sent to Mr. the Principal of The Wheeling High School and Mr. Eugene Schlickman; President of the School District #214 to notify them of the Founders Day Proclamation. The following Sunday was chosen to meet at the Willis home to complete this.

Ruth Wieder read the summary of the suggested plans of the Executive Committee which had met last Wednesday evening the 16th First; that it was designated the date of March 13th to be proclaimed as "Founders Day". That the suggested first week-end of October be set aside for the Anniversary Celebration. That Ruth go to the Judiciary Board March 4th to submit plans for approval. To also contact members of the Public Relations Committee of the Village for support and to get their co-operation. To work closely with them for these events. To go now to the merchants, business men and the Industries of the town to inform them of the planned Celebration.

Minutes Of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday February 23, 1966

Place: Wheeling Village Hall

Meeting was called to order at 8 P. M. by President Merl Willis.

Minutes of the ~~February~~ 26th previous meeting were read and approved as corrected, by motion made by Surely Koeppen and second by Ruth Wieder. Motion Carried.

We welcomed Dr. Ian W. Taylor of South Milwaukee Avenue as a new member.

Ruth Wieder made a motion that we have a letter sent to the Wheeling Community Council thanking them for their representative who was present at the January meeting with slides and explanations of the contemplated "Green Belt Program" for Wheeling. Also to include our Hearty Endorsement of this Project. Dr. Taylor second Motion Carried.

Ruth Wieder made a motion to have another committee arrange a new display for the Bank as rumors were that the present Old License Display was in the way as taking too much space in the Bank Lobby. That Marshall Balling should speak to the Bank Authorities for consent to have a different display of smaller nature such as Photos.

Sam Datillo, Dr. Ian Taylor & Merl Willis volunteered to help with a new display.

Surely Koeppen mentioned a drive for membership. The following volunteered for committee action: Surely Koeppen; Irene Datillo; and Hazel Willis.

Eugene Sackett; superintendent of the Park District Board then pleasantly surprised us with the presentation of a Brand New Up-to-Date Minute Record Book as a gift to our Society from he and his wife Helen.

President Willis gave us a brief resume of his Tour with Hazel to Carmi, Illinois with the Illinois Historical Society Members who met at the Illinois Campus to plan for the Susquetennial Celebrations for the year 1968. Plans are to alert every community in Illinois to participate for a year long Celebration.

The Cemeteries were mentioned as the Best Source of Early History of the Area.

Dr. Ian Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Lucille Schneider second the motion. Motion Carried and adjournment was at 9:30 P. M.

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Minutes of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday March 23, 1966

Place: The Wheeling Village Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Merl Willis at 8 P. M.

Minutes of the previous February 23rd meeting were read and approved of as corrected by motion made by Dr. Taylor; the second by John Koeppen. The Motion Carried.

A letter from the Park District was read by Merl Willis explaining their efforts of improvement plans and requesting funds for Heritage Park. Our reply was "no" as we depend on our finances from membership dues and we are not in a position to contribute.

President Willis announced the Wheeling Township Public Hearing for Tentative Budget on March 29th and urging those who could to attend. That also the "Wheeling Rotarians are willing to co-operate with us for Historical Information.

John Koeppen announced a welcome message to us from a North Milwaukee Avenue Business Man from the Village by the name of a Mr. Fred Clavey who would be willing and happy to co-operate with us about some past History of the Village as his Grand-Father; Jacob Schwingle held the position of a former Mayor of the Village in the past. John Koeppen also mentioned that we publicize our Society more to generate some interest to acquire new members and also for more material such as pictures; documents of the Village. To probably run a series of past Historical Events in the local papers for stimulation of interest.

A member suggested that Surely Koeppen ask Mrs. Daniels of Arlington Heights the well known Historian of the Area; who was present at the first gathering of citizens who were interested in the forming of our Society to speak again to refresh and stimulate our interest. To ask her for the April meeting next month.

Dr. Ian Taylor our well known Toast-Master gave an example of Talks of which he mentioned could be used to stimulate interest for our Society in the P. T. A. meetings; the schools and every organization of the community. To enthuse the public about our plans for an Historical Museum and then be on the look-out for anything of past Historical Value pertaining to our Village.

Marshall Balling was suggested as qualified for such Talks also.

Dr. Taylor also displayed his chart of collected stamps and post-marks of which he started the past 20 years and had very much fascination in doing so. He told us that by talking up it would be amazing what could be dug up from the community such as old business and letter-heads with envelopes and also corner-cards from the earliest times of Wheeling. That Cemeteries and Churches are important Historical Information. He mentioned the Indian Arrow-Heads along river which have been found and some Indian Markers. That there could be plenty of Historical Evidence if we would get busy and inform the Old-Timers not to dispose of anything that is old; even if scraps.

After an informal discussion of past events and of how to stimulate more interest in our Society we decided to adjourn.

Motion was made by Dr. Taylor to adjourn. Second by John Koeppen. The motion carried at 10:15 P. M.

*Nancy Roche* Secretary

Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday April 27, 1966  
Place: The Wheeling Village Hall

The meeting was called to order at 8 P. M. by the President.

The minutes of the March 23rd previous meeting were read and approved as corrected by motion made by Ruth Wieder; second by Marshall Balling. Motion Carried.

Ruth Wieder approached the members with questioning witht what to do about "Pioneer Days"?

Sam Datillo was appointed by the President to inform the Community Council with the entire picture and also to secure Sanction of the Village Board. Dr. Taylor mentioned he had given a talk to the Officials who seemed enthused. He also extended an invitation to members for the Community Council Dinner and Installation of Officers to be held at the Patio Restaurant May 3rd.

Surely Koeppen suggested a drive for membership. To have the Public Relations Commission endorse this to stir enthusiasm.

President Willis read a letter from Mr. Ernest Hagerstrom of the Metalcraft Studio of N. Milwaukee Avenue who expressed his interest in "The Old Village Hall" Structure.

A motion was made by Ruth Wieder to appoint a committee of three (3) members to Investigate "The Old Church Structure".

2nd - to Negotiate with the Park District and Board or other Land Holders to establish an Historical Site.

3rd - to Acquire and estimate cost of moving the structure. John Koeppen second the motion. The Motion Carried.

The President appointed the following members consisting of:

John Koeppen  
Ruth Wieder  
Marshall Balling

to act on the committee.

We had as our guest for the evening; Mrs. Daisy Daniels the Curator of the Arlington Heights Historical Society who presented to us a very interesting talk about the early History beginning from (1795) when the Land was taken from the Indians and when the Peace Treaties were made. She told us that in 1832 General Sheridan appeared in this area after the Ft. Dearborn Massacre. That we can thank Captain Daniel Cook whom Cook County was named after for the dividing line of the Illinois State between the Wisconsin line. That a Dr. Kennicott with a Dr. John Bateman came to this Area at this time. That also at this time was when "WHEELING TOWNSHIP" possessed five (5) Old Settlers who were Circuit Court Judges Riders. This time also heralded John Deere the inventor of the Plow. Dr. Bradewell had disagreements with the Law. The J. Barnes clan appeared. In (1884) Judge Bradewell was Judge of "WHEELING TOWNSHIP". In (1834) the first white man came to Elk Grove. The well known Busse family came in (1836). In (1840) the German Revolution which took place brought those Immigrants to this Country. A very interesting talk and Historical Records reading of documents were presented by this most interesting guest. Mrs. Daniels invited our Society Group to her home to view her collections of Historical Collections from the Arlington Hieghts Area.

In open discussion we decided to go to her home for the next official meeting night, May the 25th.

President Merl Willis mentioned that Hazel and he were planning to attend "The 125th anniversary of the Illinois Historical Celebration and the tour to Carmi, Illinois and other points of interest the coming week.

John Koeppen made a motion to adjourn. Ruth Wieder second. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

*Dorothy Hoche*  
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secretary

Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

May 25th, 1966

Place: Mrs. Daisy Daniels Home  
Arlington Heights, Illinois

This regular meeting night was chosen to go to the home of Mrs. Daisy Daniels, Curator of Arlington Heights Society who had invited us to view her displays.

About 12 members were greeted at her door with a spic and apan readiness for all. She had given much time and effort for special evening.

At first she took us down to her basement which was crammed with Curator Items relating and connected with the Arlington Heights Village and Area. The most outstanding was the replica of "The Old Village" around the turn of the Century. This was completed by one of the members of their Society. Minature models of the Railroad Station; the tracks; roads; streets and trees with old stores and homes. She went into dtailed explanations with pride as having been devoted to this work for many years. She also read to us her book of "The History Of The Arlington Heights Race Track" which she herself had compiled and explained that it has proven to be of value to the Village. Also the location of the Race Track as an asset to the Village for business benefit.

After discussion of Historical Events of the past in the Village and the community and the recollection of names of well known names of early settlers in the Area; she had all of those present much inspired with enthusiasm to help our Society and to regain a renewed interest in our project.

We were also instructed in the method of mounting old photos and clippings. And received advice from her experiences of preserving relics and antiques and how to acquire some and not to be shy about asking for any.

We all left her home; feeling refreshed and inspired to know that some one had helped us to learn more about Historical Societies and what they are doing.

After a brief regular meeting in her living room; members decided to adjourn. We left around 10:30 P. M.

Dorothy Forke  
secretary

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THIS MINUTE BOOK IS DONATED TO THE (WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY)  
BY (HELEN AND EUGENE SACKETT) of 140 Sunrise Drive, Wheeling  
Illinois, this 22nd of June (1966)

MAY THE RECORDS BE PRESERVED FOR THE GOOD OF THE VILLAGE  
AND THE BETTERMENT OF ITS PEOPLE, BY THOSE WHO APPRECIATE  
THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.

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Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

June 22, 1966

Place: The Wheeling Village Hall

President Willis called the meeting to order at 8 P. . with 7 members present.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$31.05 on hand.

The minutes of the previous May 25th were read and approved of as corrected by motion made by Hazel Willis and second by Dr. Ian Taylor. The Motion Carried.

A note from Sam Datillo was read reminding us of the coming Family Fair to be held this Fall Sunday September 4th at the New Heritage Field House. Sam announcing that he would participate in the Parade with his "Antique Cars".

Dr. Ian Taylor volunteered to set up displays for our Booth. President Willis presented the brochure received from The Wheeling Community Council containing the record of Accomplishments and events of the past year's activities of the various organizations of the Community.

A note from Irene Datillo was read with suggestions for more pictures and publications in the local papers to stimulate interest in our Society.

Dr. Taylor made a motion to send an Official Letter of Thanks to Mrs. Daniels in appreciation of her efforts to inform and aide our Society with her Curator displays and explanations which she demonstrated in her home when our Society Members were Guests there May 25th. Hazel second the motion. The Motion Carried.

Ruth Wieder suggested that a committee be formed consisting of three (3) members to form black on white to leave on Site and Draw up plans for the best way of converting the Old Village Hall into a "Museum".

John Koeppen volunteered; followed by Fred Moeller and Merl Willis.

Marshall Balling announced that The Wheeling Trust & Savings Bank has agreed to exhibit Historical Items until we have secured a permanent "Museum".

Sam Datillo explained the "Antique Auto Show" he had in mind for a fund raising project. That probably could be held in conjunction with our celebrating of our Village Anniversary this coming June or as a special fund event.

Surely Koeppen stated that the Junior Woman's Club has designated to donate funds for Village Improvements and also if our Society has needs for the "Museum" they would take care of some.

Suggestions also were mentioned for fund raising efforts such as selling food items and pictures at the Village Anniversary Celebrations.

President Willis made mention of the Historiew of the groups and organizations of the Village to start compiling a complete Historical Record.

Members showed great enthusiasm and willingness to help the Society progress.

A motion was made by Sam Datillo and second by Dana Benjamin to adjourn. The Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 11 P. M.

*Southwick*  
secretary

Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday Evening July 27, 1966  
Place: The Wheeling Village Hall

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. due to the tardiness of the secretary.

The minutes of the previous June 22nd meeting were read and approved of by motion made by Hazel Willis and Dr. Ian Taylor. The Motion Carried.

President Willis read an article from the Wheeling Herald paper announcing that Citizens of Arlington Heights are interested in their own Historical Society and are co-operating to help raise money to finance a permanent place for their Society and Museum.

Surely Koeppen made a motion to appoint a nominating committee for next month's election. Hazel Willis second the motion. The Motion Carried.

President appointed the following three for the committee; Irene Datillo; Ethel Wied; Merl Willis.

Mention has been made to remind members of The Family Fair to be held at the Field House September 4th & 5th and that our member Sam Datillo has offered to participate with his "Antique Cars".

A motion was made by Dr. Ian Taylor; second by Surely Koeppen to have a Formal Letter sent to Mr. Charles Mihalek for the work he has contributed in the enlargement of the old pictures. And for the work he has given to enlarge the old photos of Wheeling and presenting them to us finished and completed for display.

A motion was made by Hazel Willis to join with the "Wheeling Community Council" in membership of a fee of (\$4.00) four dollars per year and further explaining that we should be part of them as their membership consists of 35 (thirty five) organizations of the Village. Irene Datillo second the motion. The Motion Carried.

The President requested that the Committee for acting in seeking information as to the acquisition of the Old Village Hall and the Old Presbyterian Church on Dundee Road.

Dr. Ian Taylor announced the coming Lion's Club Steak Fry and Les Vegas Nite to be held next Saturday Nite at the South Milwaukee Avenue Picnic Grove and that he had tickets available for this event. Also that Donations would be accepted.

It was suggested by Surely Koeppen to take a straw poll to learn the feeling of the Public of the Village in preserving "The Old Village Hall" as a Historical Monument and Museum for the people.

The secretary was requested to mail a bulletin letter for the next meeting to announce the election of Officers. To outline details for Exhibit--and inform about dues payable.

Surely Koeppen suggested to combine Sidewalk Days with the Historical Days and sell Bzllloons or Flags or combine with the Family Fair.

The President directed a letter be sent to Eugene and Helen Sackett for the new Up-to-date Minute Book they contributed to our Society.

Dr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Ethel Wieder second the motion. The Motion Carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

*Orathia D. Orbe*  
secretary



Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday August 24th, 1966  
Place: The Wheeling Village Hall  
312 E. Dundee Road

The meeting was called to order by Merl Willis; the President in the chair and with 10 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as corrected by motion made by Sam Datillo; second by Hazel Willis. The Motion Carried.

The nominating committee reported the following proposed members on the slate for election to Office of our second Chartered Year.

President:	Merl Willis
Vice President:	Dr. Ian W. Taylor
Secretary:	Dorothy Forke
Treasurer:	Lucile Schneider
Curator:	Hazel Willis
Directors:	Marshall Balling Fred Moeller Surely Koeppen -
Delegates:	Sam Datillo and Dr. Ian W. Taylor

Merl Willis made a motion to accept the proposed slate of Officers elected to Office. Sam Datillo second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

The President declared the Officers Installed for One Year.

Sam Datillo announced that the "Family Fair Parade" would start to line up at the Jack London School at 3 P. M. Saturday the 3rd of September. That he would have about Eight Antique Cars taking part and would have one decorated for our Society.

The President asked for volunteers to be in our Booth at the Field House in Heritage Park on Sunday and Monday.

The following volunteered to work as according to time:

Sunday:	Merl and Hazel Willis	9 A. M. to 12:30
	Sam and Irene Datillo	12:30 to 5 P. M.
Monday:	Merl and Hazel Willis	9 A. M. to 12:30
	Ethel Wieder & Dorothy Forke	12:30 to 5 P. M.

Dana Benjamin suggested that the secretary write to Congressman Rumsfeld for a copy of the "Kennedy Towers Amendment" to the Federal Housing Act for funds or means to preserve "Historical Buildings" and mention that we are interested in preserving the First Municipal Building and Church in our Village. She also suggested and made a motion not to have "Pioneer Days" as suggested by Surely Koeppen but to delay until Sidewalk Days and incorporate with this. Sam Datillo second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Merl Willis volunteered to make out a Bulletin Book Form for signatures to acquire at our Family Fair Booth to preserve the Old Village Hall. He also read the resume he had written up about the Old Creamery that was located on the north side of East Dundee Road close to The Des Plaines River in the early Days of Our Village; and also a short quib on the first ice-cream parlor in "Wheeling".

Announcement of The State Historical Meeting at Freeport on October 1st and 2nd at the Holiday Inn in Stevenson County was read.

Correspondence reply from Wheeling, Missouri describing their accomplishments was read.

Also a reply letter answering the inquiry about the early History of The Illinois Bell Telephone in our Village; from Mr. Wieter of the Telephone Office in Libertyville.

Dana Benjamin reminded our Society Members of the coming Benefit Dinner to be held at The Wheeling High School Honoring our "Wheeling High School Band" That members should try to attend this special occasion.

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Dana Benjamin made a motion to adjourn. Ethel Wieder second the motion.  
The Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

Norathy Zahe  
secretary

Minutes of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Place: The Wheeling Village Hall  
Wednesday Evening September 28, 1966

The meeting was called to order by Fred Moeller one of the Board of Director members; who acted in the place of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents absence.

Six members were present with two visitors; Mr. Serbin of The Wheeling Independent Newspaper and Mr. Otto Bouc; a well known North Milwaukee Avenue citizen of our Village with a background of artistic History. Mr. Bouc joined with us this evening in membership.

A letter addressed to the members from Merl Willis was read which expressed his regret for not being with us this evening; as he and Hazel would like to be excused for this meeting. The letter contained the expression of his pleasure received at the "Family Fair" from those whose attention was drawn to our Exhibit Booth. That we would soon have nearly "300 names" on the list from the straw poll count taken at The Fair.

The minutes of the August 24th meeting were read and accepted by motion made by Sam Datillo and second by Ethel Wieder. The Motion Carried.

A short discussion followed pertaining to a membership drive. Marshall Balling reminded us about delving into the past Historical Importance of the Village and the Area. To keep on trying to locate how "Wheeling" was so named and it's Origin. To contact the Relinger; Wolf and Harry Schneider families before it is too late.

Mr. Bouc mentioned the "Old Soo Line Depot" on the Railroad as another Structure to be a potential for preservation. That he is very much interested in our Society and it's progress.

Discussion followed about which still is the Oldest Building in the Village. The Hill-Top Tavern of No. Milwaukee Avenue was mentioned to have been built in 1852.

The secretary was instructed to write to Wheeler, Illinois inquiring about the name "Wheeler".

As there were not too many members present and no other new business on the agenda; the meeting consisted mostly about ideas of how to acquire more information of the past History of the Area and the Village.

Lucile Schneider made a motion to adjourn. Sam Datillo second. The Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

*Knathys Loebe*  
secretary

Minutes of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Place: The Wheeling Village Hall  
October 26, 1966

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Dr. Ian Taylor at 9 P. M. Our President Merl Willis was out of town and had left with the secretary a letter of explanation and asking to be excused for the evening.

The minutes of the previous meeting of September 28th were read and accepted as corrected by motion made by Sam Datillo, second by Hazel Willis. The motion carried.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$69.95 on hand.

Dr. Taylor expressed his reason of absence of the last meeting and announced that he was called unexpectedly away. He stated that the Society owes a vote of thanks to all those who worked at the "Family Fair". Special mention to all the organizations and especially to Sam Datillo and John Koeppen--not forgetting Dr. Taylor whom the Society understands contributed generously of his time. Also the "over 50 club" to help our Society to win "The Plaque" for having the Best Booth at the Fair.

Dr. Taylor made a motion to send a letter of thanks to Mrs. Leonard Bucher of Northbrook for the most useful cabinet she had donated to us. Sam Datillo second the motion. The motion carried.

The Vice-President also announced the News about the final acquisition of the "Old Hall" on South Milwaukee Avenue which the Society so diligently worked for to become a reality for our future Museum. That the news was printed in "The Wheeling Cook County Herald" October 13th. That now the Society get together and make contact with the Village Attorney for the necessary legalities.

Irene Datillo made a motion to send a letter of thank you to the Village Board of Trustees for the consideration of the "use of the old Village Hall". John Koeppen second the motion. The Motion Carried.

John Koeppen mentioned he would inquire about the best procedures for implications of a Lease. He also mentioned the Society assume the Insurance responsibility and acquire our own finances and upkeep. He informed us that an estimate cost to move the old church structure would be \$2500.00. That we should leave the "old Village Hall" where it is and that we should check the roof, etc., and have the Lease on the building brought up as soon as possible; such as (99) year perpetual one. That the Insurance does not expire until September of 1967. That now membership cards should be available to distribute and promote this project.

Dr. Taylor said he would talk to Mayor Ted Scanlon as soon as possible about an appointment with the Village Attorney. John Koeppen volunteered to assist Dr. Taylor.

Marshall Balling mentioned that the Society already has a committee appointed since last April to act upon the acquiring of the old hall and church. Marshall made a motion that the following Resolution be adopted thus reading:

Resolved that the duly elected Officers be authorized to sign a Lease with the Village of Wheeling for "use of the Property" known as "The Old Village Hall" on south Milwaukee Avenue and Center Street. John Koeppen second the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Marshall also added that we assume all responsibility and take on ourselves and to keep under Village Property. That we should now get busy and make contact with the Old Timers that are still with us for more past History of the Village. Mention of the Redlingers and E. Bellmore who has been a Nature Lover of Hunting, Fishing and known the Forests around here.

Correspondence was read from Wheeler, Illinois containing no information pertaining to the name of "Wheeling".

Dr. Taylor invited all members to attend the Community Council's Meeting next Thursday November 1st when their guest speaker for the evening will be Senator Voorhiss of California.

Surely Koeppen informed us that when it was announced at the Wheeling Township 7th District Woman's Club meeting that the Village Board of Wheeling gave the Historical Society the "Old Hall" the response was amazing that people are watching us as one of the Oldest Communities in the area. She also suggested to have the outside of the "Old Hall" decorated for the Xmas Season providing agreement is settled and also have the phone booth placed in a more attractive place or spot. She also suggested membership cards for promotion. That the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club would help us whenever the need arises for such as selling or servicing for financial affairs. Surely announces the coming "Junior Woman's Club" dance which is held annually at the Glenview Naval Base and that the tickets available are \$12.00 per couple. To also direct a letter to the "Junior Woman's Club" to thank them for their offering of services.

Dr. Taylor announced that the Wheeling Lion's Tag Day produced enough for the Three Braille Readers and that all organizations have delegate and alternates to the Community Council Meetings.

**Suggestions:**

Mention of another Bank Exhibit using the display cabinet.

The membership application forms handy to use.

Suggested committee formed of artists to publicize before all groups and organizations to express the need of finances such as schools and churches.

To have speakers that qualify to go to these people to give talks

To have the publicity committee to take care of this.

Have application cards for membership handy.

To send a letter to Chief Horcher to remind him about the old jail cells for the Museum.

**Announcements:**

Community Council asks people to attend 1st Tuesday meetings of the month at the Jack London High School.

Marshall Balling made a motion to adjourn. Sam Datillo second.  
The motion carried.

*Joseph Roche*

Minutes of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday Evening November 23rd, 1966  
Place: The Wheeling Village Hall

The meeting was called to order at 8 P. M. by President Merl Willis.

The minutes of the previous October meeting were read and approved of as corrected by motion made by Marshall Balling and second by Dr. Ian W. Taylor. The Motion Carried.

Two guests present were: Mr. Earl Gubbins and a Mr. Schonevan of Morton Grove known to Dorothy Forke as old time Historians of Cook County, Illinois.

Communications from "The Junior Woman's Club" extending their congratulations for the acquisition of the "Old Village Hall" and also stating not to hesitate to call on them for help.

A communication from "The Wheeling High School Community Scholarship Foundation" asking our group to participate in the "Footlights To The Future" variety show to be presented February 17th of next year, with something of a skit relating to past History. John Koeppen made a motion to have a part in this program. Hazel Willis second the motion. The Motion Carried.

Merl Willis read the article which appeared in the "Wheeling News" Bulletin of November of which Dr. Ian W. Taylor is Editor about the announcement of the recent acquisition of the "Old Village Hall" on South Milwaukee Avenue by our Society and reminding the Lion Members to be on the alert for old clippings and articles pertaining to "Wheeling's past History". Also that our Society needs help such as material and equipment for the planned "Museum". Thank you Dr. Taylor for this publicity!

The President directed the publicity committee to notify the Public Relations Committee of the Village that in their next newsletter to place a notation to notify people that we would like to expand our Membership.

President Willis presented and read the Lease which was drawn up by the Village Attorney concerning the "Old Village Hall Structure" on South Milwaukee Avenue. Discussion followed with revised notations added and terms of Lease which the members agreed to at the least be (5) five years instead of the offered (1) year to us. The revised additions and notations as approved by the members of the Society at this meeting be presented by John Koeppen to the Village Attorney for approval. That we agreed to secure a Mr. Kearns of the Village to ~~setfforums~~. That also we have an O. K. from the Superintendent of Public Works after completion of renovating.

That we hold three (3) keys in possession of the Society.  
(1) The Superintendent of Public Works  
(2) The President of our Society.  
(3) The Chief of Police.

That the heading of the Lease read:

"This Hall for Historical Purpose & Museum".

Mr. Gubbins; one of the guests of the evening gave to us a short talk about our Country's Historical Background. He mentioned the Chas. Dawes Historical Library in Evanston; that he had been a friend of this well known man and that we should try to visit that place. He also reminded us of the coming Sesquicentennial Anniversary of our State in the year of (1968) coming. That we should honor the pioneers of our Township and the Old Times of our Area. To gather as much information of the past as we can. To visit the Museums and other Historical Societies.

We were all well pleased with a guest to inspire our Society. Discussion about Membership Blanks from The Junior Woman's Club Ideas and that they be on hand for prospective members.

A motion was made to adjourn by Dana Benjamin. The second came from Sam Datillo. The Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

*Dorothy Forke*

Minutes of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday Evening January 4, 1967

Place: The Wheeling Village Hall

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. this first Wednesday of the month as we dispensed with the regular scheduled December 1966 meeting due to the interference of the Holidays. There were eight members present this evening.

The minutes of the previous November 23rd meeting were read and accepted by motion made by Sam Datillo and second by Marshall Balling. The Motion Carried.

The revised Lease for the "Old Village Hall Building" on South Milwaukee Avenue from the Wheeling Village Board was read by President Merl Willis which offered a term of 2½ years beginning the first day of January 1967 and to end the first day of June 1969 at a rental of \$1.00 (one dollar) as and for the annual rent to be paid to the Lessor by the Lessee. Sam Datillo made a motion to accept this Lease and to pay the (\$1.00) rental. Marshall Balling second the motion. The Motion Carried.

Note:

This Lease was signed by President: Merl Willis and secretary Dorothy Forke.

It was suggested that Sam Datillo and Merl Willis check the building and report at next meeting in what condition they found the building in and what necessary repairs would be needed.

John Koeppen suggested a membership drive and also mentioned with question as what to do for a fund raising project.

Marshall Balling was suggested to take care of our part in the "Wheeling High School Foundation" Footlights To The Future benefit to be held February 17th at "The Wheeling High School".

Sam Datillo made a motion to adjourn. Marshall Balling second the Motion. The Motion Carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

*Dorothy Forke*  
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Minutes of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday January 25th, 1967

Place: The Wheeling Village Hall

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. with nine members present. (9)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved of by motion made by Hazel Willis; second by John Koeppen. The Motion Carried.

The Treasurer reported a balance of (61.50) on hand.

Communications:

Notice of \$1.00 fee due for registering of our Annual Charter and report due to the State of non-profit organization of our Society.

Notice of \$5.00 dues to "The State Historical Society".

Gene Sackett made a motion to pay the fees; Julius Benjamin second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

A Letter from "The Wheeling Park District" inquiring about the Old Flag Pole in front of the Old Village Hall on South Milwaukee Avenue to be moved to Heritage Park on South Wolf Road.

Merl Willis who read the communication announced and read the reply he had written suggesting to leave this on the original site for reason of costly removal. The Members Agreed.

A Letter from The Wheeling Chamber of Commerce announcing the newly elected Officers for the coming year of their organization and extending their co-operation to us.

Gene Sackett presented "Our Placque" which was in recognition for the "Best Booth" at the Family Fair of last September held at the new "Heritage Park Fieldhouse" on South Wolf Road.

The revised Lease drawn up by Village Attorney Paul Hamer for The Village Board Members and accepted by our Society Members at our last January meeting by motion made and carried was signed by President Merl Willis and Dorothy Forke this evening for the term beginning the first day of January 1967 and extending to the first day of June 1969 for the sum of (\$1.00) as and for the annual rental. Duplicate copy placed with Dorothy Forke, secretary.

Marshall Balling mentioned "The Asplundi Tree" company asking for photographs or pictures of old "Wheeling and of those that pertain to the progress of "Wheeling".

The President Merl Willis reported that he found the roof of the Old Hall in not good shape and in need of repair. That the floor needed attention and the furnace in badly need of checking and also the wiring. The windows also in not too good shape. Decorating would be necessary and that we would have to get action to clean and repair. Discussion followed. That we do not possess the funds and that we ask for help and the question arose as how to obtain funds?

Julius Benjamin made a motion to adjourn. Fred Moeller second the Motion. The Motion Carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

*Dorothy Forke*



Minutes of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

February 22, 1967

Place: The Wheeling Village Hall

The meeting of "THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY" was called to order by President Merl Willis at 8 P. . with 12 members present.

The minutes of the previous January 22nd meeting were read and approved of as corrected by Motion made by Hazel Willis and Second by Surely Koeppen. The Motion Carried.

New Business:

Discussion about the "Old Village Hall" came about to remind the committee to recheck the building and to have an estimated cost for repairing the roof;;the heating system; floor and the building in general.

Correspondence:

A Letter from "THE WHEELING JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB" was opened and found to contain a Surprise Check for (\$25.00) made out to our Society. Upon further reading of this letter which explained that the check was to apply with our "Museum Project Fund". This was naturally gratefully accepted by all present.

A reply letter from "The Cook County Forest Preserve Nature Center" with literature as requested by our secretary to be placed in our Museum.

A "Thank You Letter" from Dr. Ian W. Taylor for sympathy extended to him in the loss of his Mother recently.

Surely Koeppen made a motion to have a special "Bank Account" for our Museum Funds and that we adopt this Resolution:

To start a "Museum Fund Account" in the Wheeling Trust & Savings Bank for the purpose of money and checks that are kept for the Museum Project; and to also give power to the Treasurer and Secretary to draw therefrom. Hazel Willis second the Motion. The Motion Carried unanimously. Marshall Balling agreed to take care of this procedure with the Bank.

Dr. Taylor mentioned and emphasized that more Publicity was needed for membership. He suggested sending out letters or pamphlets with Blank Application cards attached to citizens we know who would probably help us. Or to the parties who signed at our Booth at the Family Fair. The pamphlet he had compiled was suggested to be appropriate for this.

Surely Koeppen mentioned about Fund Raisers. Hazel Willis said she would inquire about the Bake Sale that the "Wheeling Woman's Republican Township Club" had in mind for us. Other ideas were not much noted.

Merl Willis read an article relating to a Museum Fund Bill which is under consideration in the State Legislature which would enable the Township Board of Auditors to grant up to (\$10,000) in surplus funds to Museums. This bill is being sponsored by State Representative Eugene Schlickman of Arlington Heights and was introduced to the House's; County and Township Affairs Committee two weeks ago.

Ruth Wieder suggested that we write to our State Representative Eugene Schlickman before it is too late to request funds for our Society and that also a letter be directed to the Township Supervisor Albert Peters when the Bill comes to pass.

A motion was made by Dr. Taylor to send a Thank You Letter to the Evergreen Press for their contribution of application cards and other printing they did for us.

Also one to the Public Relations Commission of the Village for the mention of our Society in their Newsletter of January 1967.

One to THE WHEELING HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION expressing our regrets for not participating in the Benefit of "FOOTLIGHTS TO THE FUTURE".

One to THE JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF WHEELING FOR THEIR GIFT of (\$25.00) towards our MUSEUM PROJECT FUND. Hazel Willis seconded the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Dr Taylor made a Motion to adjourn. Hazel Willis seconded and the Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at (9:45 P.M.).

*Nancy Turko*  
secretary

Minutes of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday Evening March 22, 1967

Place: The Wheeling Village Hall

President Merl Willis called the meeting to order at 8 P.M. with 10 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected by motion made by Ethel Wieder; second by John Koeppen. The Motion Carried.

The President announced that the "Museum Fund" as established in THE WHEELING TRUST & SAVINGS BANK under a separate account with Lucile Schneider - Treasurer and Dorothy Forke - secretary signatures as of March 4th, 1967.

Announcements of the coming Fashion Shows sponsored by the MEADOWBROOK WOMAN'S CLUB this coming May 10th at THE UNION HOTEL May 10th at (\$2.00) per person. Merl Willis has tickets available.

Also the announcement for THE WHEELING COMMUNITY COUNCIL Dinner and Installation of Officers would be held March 28th at The Patio Flamingo Restaurant, River and Milwaukee Avenue. Members are welcome to attend by Ticket.

Merl Willis reported that the last report about the Township Funds for Museums had not passed the Legislation down at Springfield as yet. Members were very much excited about contacting our Representatives by wire or letter to express our interest. To Congressman Rumsfeld a Nite Letter and to Senator Graham a wire.

Merl Willis announced that the next Township Meeting would be held this coming April 4th in Arlington Heights and urged anyone interested to attend.

Discussion about the not too well accepted Article written by Dick Leonard; a reporter for THE WHEELING HERALD and published last week in the paper about the appearance along Dundee Road coming into the Village from the West. Members were urged to uphold the Village of Wheeling's Reputation to the Nth Degree.

Lucile Schneider presented the Brochures and Application Blanks that Dr. Taylor had prepared for us to distribute among the interested persons who could be interested in joining with us. Merl and Hazel volunteered to mail both out to those whose signatures were on the list of the "Straw Poll" taken last September at the Family Fair.

Mention was made about Fund Raisers again.

Marshall Balling suggested a Trip to the Chicago Historical Society as an incentive for our members to stimulate more interest.

A letter was read from the newly organized "TORCH" project asking our Society for assistance. It was agreed that most members have enough projects going as is. That we are not in a position to help now.

A Motion was made by Sam Datillo to adjourn. Marshall Balling second the Motion. The Motion Carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

*Dorothy Forke*  
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secretary

Minutes of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday April 26, 1967

Place: The Wheeling Village Hall  
312 Dundee Road

The meeting was called to order by President Merl Willis.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved of as corrected by motion made by Dana Benjamin and second by Surely Koeppen. The motion carried.

Mr. Stanley T. Gross; resident attorney of Wheeling joined with us in membership this evening.

Dana Benjamin approached the members with a presentation of suggested form for an affiliate Junior Society consisting of eligible grade and High School Students, and have dues range from 50¢ to \$1.00 per person. To occupy and interest them with duties such as searching for more detailed early History of the Village. To keep them busy with compiling scrap books of events making History of our Area. Our Society Members agreed that this would be a very good Idea. Also the suggestion of a Steering Committee for this.

It was suggested to contact Mrs. Eckstrom; the Schools Librarian to write a short resume of the early History of the Village and have this available in the School Libraries.

Communication from The Illinois Pioneer Heritage Center workshop of 1967 in Monticello, Illinois and the Annual Spring Tour beginning May 19th of this year. Also enclosed a list of the Tours and dates they begin.

Announcement from The Illinois Bell Telephone Company inviting our Society Members to The Open House at the Illinois Bell Telephone Office at 50 E. Dundee Road, April 27th & 28th.

A letter from The Community Council informing us of the coming Family Fair next September and inquiring if we are going to participate. It was agreed that we have a Booth again and also take part in the Parade. Sam Daillo volunteered his Antique Display of Cars. Members requested that the Council be notified that we would take part as usual.

A letter from The Wheeling Chamber of Commerce expressing their High Commendation to our Society and also offering their assistance in the plan for the "Museum".

It was announced that Dr. Ian Taylor gave a talk to the Wheeling High School History classes recently; summarizing early History of the Village and Area.

Surely Koeppen made a motion to send a letter of "Thanks" to our Honorable Governor Koerner and Representative Eugene Schlickman for their successful efforts and aiding in The House Bill #343 for Historical Preservation Funds. Marshall Balling second the Motion. The Motion Carried unanimously.

A report from Merl Willis on the newly leased "Old Village Hall" concerning the condition of the Old Hall. He stated that the roof was in bad shape and the rafter in the front rotted out and decayed. An estimate from The Becker Roofing Company was read amounting to \$214.20 and a guarantee of 20 years for the new roof. It was suggested that the committee appointed consisting of James Wieder, John Koeppen and Fred Moeller try to get 3 bids on the building for the roof and a notice in the paper to be published and then to pick so as not to create ill feeling in the Village. That these people be bonded and licensed as standard workman and have their own liability. The committee to decide on bids and have the power to decide.

Suggestions also to visit The Chicago Historical Society in a group or all members and chartering a bus and spending sometime

whenever it is convenient. To visit the nearby Societies and where ever History can be found instead of going such a distance from our own Area. Lucile Schneider made a Motion to set aside August 20th for an outing for our members to tour or walk to important Old Spots of The Area pertaining to early History, and Interesting Places. That is Nature Wise or Historical. Marshall Balling seconded this Motion which Carried.

Marshall Balling made a Motion to adjourn. Lucile Schneider seconded the Motion. The Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at (10 P.M.).

*Marshall Balling*  
secretary

Minutes of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday May 24th, 1967

Place: The Wheeling Village Hall  
312 E. Dundee Road

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. by the President Merl Willis.

The minutes of the previous April 26th meeting were read and approved of as corrected. A motion was made to accept the minutes was carried.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$55.00 and also 16 paid members.

A letter from Dr. Ian W. Taylor President of The Wheeling Community Council was read with mention of reminding us to have one delegate and another for alternate to attend their meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Also wishing for us continued success with our Society.

Merl Willis gave a report of the condition of the "Old Hall" as relayed from the Committee for Action. He said that the roof the walls needed capping and gutters repairs. He mentioned that there were no bids from the notice placed in the local paper.

Ruth Wieder made a motion to have the bill for the notice paid. Ethel Wieder second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Surely Koeppen made a motion to have Merl Willis be allowed to expend \$50.00 for maintenance emergency for the Old Hall repairs, and anything over this amount must be voted upon by the Building and Grounds Committee. Sam Datillo second the motion. The motion carried. This including the signatures of the committeeman for accepted bids.

Merl Willis offered to investigate for the Liability Insurance Bids.

The President designated a date for "Clean Up Day" in the Old Hall. This was decided to be June 3rd on Saturday. That the Disposal Company be called to take away the refuse from the grounds. That members be notified of this day. That Merl would get in touch with Mr. Rectenwald a carpenter.

A letter from the Committee on the new project called "Torch" was read. Members did feel that they are very much occupied with other projects.

The President directed the Treasurer to send the \$4.00 fee to The Wheeling Community Council.

Ruth Wieder made a motion to have a letter sent to The Dept. of Public Works requesting a direction on the Water situation and mentioning the clean up day for June 3rd. Telling them that their advice would be most welcome for information about the Water condition for the Hall. Surely Koeppen second the motion. The motion carried. That the President Merl Willis write the letter after he speaks to the Supt. of Public Works first regarding the conditions in the Old Hall.

Lucile Schneider made a motion to adjourn. Ruth Wieder second the motion. The motion carried.

*Orathia Locke*  
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secretary

Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday June 28th, 1967  
Place: The Wheeling Village Hall  
312 E. Dundee Road

The meeting was called to order by the President; Merl Willis.

The minutes of the previous May 24th meeting were read and approved of by motion made by Ethel Wieder to accept as read. Hazel Willis second the motion. Motion carried.

A communication from The Wheeling Beautification Steering Committee was read telling of their meetings the first Wednesday of each month at Heritage Park Fieldhouse and explaining their project and inviting our members to attend.

Merl Willis directed a letter to be sent to The Wheeling Disposal Company to thank them for the Pick Up Refuse in front of the Old Hall after our clean up day.

Also a letter to be sent to The Mayer Oil Company asking them about the oil removal in the Old Hall.

Discussion came about the "Old Hall" renovation. Merl reported that he already has put out cash for carpenter and necessities. He stated that work cannot be continued until the Township releases to us the allotment they have committed to us.

The President appointed on the committee for the slate of new officers for the year as follows; Marshall Balling  
Ethel Wieder  
Dana Benjamin

This election will be scheduled for the month of July meeting nite.

Dana Benjamin gave a report on her project for the proposed Junior Historical Auxiliary. She said that this summer would see more progress for the Juniors. That she is working on this plan.

Hazel Willis made a motion to adjourn. Ethel Wieder second the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 P. M.

*Orathy Larka*  
secretary

Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday July 26th, 1967  
Place: The Wheeling Village Hall

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M. by the President Merl Willis with (10) members present.

The President introduced a guest; a Mr. Lutgen, resident of our Village who expressed interest in our Society.

The minutes of the previous June 28th meeting were read and approved of as corrected by Dana Benjamin as follows; That the secretary add the correction about the discussion of whether money could be borrowed on the \$5,000.00 allotted to our Society if the check did not come in soon from the Township committment. That mention was made at the last meeting for Merl Willis to look into this. Dana made a motion to accept these minutes with this correction. Lucile Schneider second the motion. The motion carried.

Merl Willis stated he has so far put out \$145.00 of his own money for repair work on the "Old Hall".

Dana Benjamin also reminded us that the annual Income Expense report would be due in October of this year and we should be ready with this before than.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$53.53 on hand.

The President directed a letter of thanks be sent to the following people; Mr. Donald Welflin of the Wheeling Sport Store on Milwaukee Avenue and Mr. Moore; Manager of the Ben Franklin Store of Dundee Road for the Donations of their Cabinet Show Cases to us for use in the "Museum".

Dana Benjamin made a motion to this; Surely Koeppen second the motion. The motion carried.

Merl Willis gave a report on his investigation of the Liability Insurance for "The Old Hall". He said that most premium costs would run around \$150.00 per year; but that he has not as yet found a suitable one. That probably the one agent he found in Northbrook who quoted a \$50.00 seemed good.

Surely Koeppen made a motion to take \$10.00 of our \$50.00 to sponsor an antique car in the Family Fair Outdoor Show Parade at the coming date of Sept. 2nd, 3rd and 4th to be held at The Wheeling High School.

Dana Benjamin second this motion. The motion carried.

Surely Koeppen also mentioned that we have members in our Booth at this Fair to try to sell membership and encourage interest to the Public for support in our Society. Dana and Surely bothh volunteered to work in the Booths and have available the membership cards and application blanks with the explanation of our Society. To try to get those at The Fair for the both days. She also suggested to sell small flggs for our profit.

Dana Benjamin proposed an ammendment to our By-Laws as follows; To Add a Director for The Museum with the List of Officials. That is so called "A Museum Director" one whose duties is to completley administer "The Museum" as this is The Most Important Job in the Museum.

Surely Koeppen second the proposed Ammendment to our Constitution and By-Laws. The motion carriedunanimously.

Dana Benjamin made a motion to proceed with the Annual Election of Officers. Surely Koeppen second the motion. The motion carried.

Merl Willis the President asked for the reading of the chosen slate of names for prospective Offices.

Dana Benjamin announced the propsed slate of names as chosen by the Nominating Committee.



Minutes of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday August 23, 1967

Borchardt's Restaurant - South Milwaukee Avenue

Meeting was called to order by President Merl Willis (10)  
Visitors present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved of with correction about borrowing on the \$5,000.00 allotment of motion not being mentioned. Hazel Willis made a motion to accept with correction. Lucile Schneider second the motion. The motion carried.

The President announced that he had received a phone call from the Sister in charge at the Addalorato Villa Nursing Home on McHenry Road, which is known to be an old Historical Site of Interest. That she would see to us receiving a complete written History of the Order and include a picture of when the Crane Farm or sometimes referred to as The Lily Farm when they had possession of this.

That also Tom Miller and Merl Willis soon would release a copy of Complete History of The Wheeling Rotary for us.

Merl Willis announced that he had acquired a reasonable Accident Liability and Medical premium policy for the cost of \$63.00 for a three (3) year period. That the Village has the building and property covered for Fire, etc.

Correspondence from The Illinois Historical Society with offering a Brochure of Illinois Sesquicentennial Resume for amount of \$19.00. Marshall Balling made a motion to purchase a copy. Dana Benjamin second the motion. The motion carried.

Next on the Agenda was the "Installation of Officers". Dr. Ian W. Taylor Officiated and Introduced all Officers who repended to name and not forgetting the Retirering Officers. He also gave a short resume of the Past History of our Society before administering the Oath.

Those who accepted their Official duties were as follows:

Merl Willis	Director of the Museum
John Koeppen	President
Vice-President	Julius Benjamin
Secretary	Dorothy Forke
Treasurer	Lucile Schneider
Curator	Hazel Willis

For Board of Directors:

Dr. Ian W. Taylor --- Marshall Balling --- Sam Datillo

Merl Willis made a motion to accept the Slate of Names of Elected Officers duly elected to Office. Irene Datillo second the motion. The Motion Carried Unanimously.

A speech was in order from each one elected. The first being the retiring President of the Society, who announced our accomplishments of the past year and presented us with the \$5,000.00 check from the Wheeling Township through his efforts and also members of the society. Telling us that this can be used for getting underway for the "Museum".

Next came from our newly elected President; John Koeppen who gave an inspiring talk stating that he accepts with pleasure the Office and will try his best. That now with a working capitol we should gain headway. That there would be much work on the Old Hall and his suggestion of repairing so as to be fit to move in the future to some other site if necessary. That we would have to assume the cost of renovating and repairing and planning to have ready as soon as we can.

That he had an offer of a Piano that is in good shape from a friend of his. That we would have to assume the cost of moving. Suggestec comments from members to have our committee look into this.

The President next introduced our guests of the evening:

Nancy Benco of "The Wheeling Herald".

Marion Palm of "The Dunhurst Cindy Lane Improvement Association".

Glen Benson of "Deerfield who joined with us in membership".

Glen and LaVern Oaks of "Dunhurst Heights who also joined with us".

Earl Gubbins; well known State Historian.

Irwin Plaggie of "Deerfield, born and reared near Wheeling who gave a very interesting talk in remenicig about Early Days of this Area as he remembered them".

Peter Lutgen "who also joined in membership".

Charles and Surely Mihalek who became members also.

Charles Mihalek gave an inspiring talk in complementing our Society in it's accomplishments. He stated he would like to see our National Flag on that Old Pole in front of the "Old Village Hall", flown Daily and that he would see to it that we would get one. That we could have Representative Donald Rumsfeld Dedicate it.

Julius Benjamin said he would ask The Public Service when he had a chance to have tjem place the Flag as they have the equipment to do so.

Dana Benjamin made a motion to propose to the May 24th, 1967 ammendment to add that the Director of the "Museum" use immediately at his discretion up to (\$500.00) all necessary repairs on the Building before the Winter sets in. Julius Benjamin second the motion. The motion Carried.

Sam Datillo made a motion to pay the \$145.00 immediately to Merl Willis for the money he already has paid out of his own pocket. Julius Benjamin second the motion. The Motion Carried.

Dana Benjamin reminded us of the annual report to the Township after receiving the money; as thecheck was received on the date of August 23, 1967 and requires filing (60) days after receiving, for Historical Pirpose. Merl Willis replied he would take care of this.

Sam Datillo made a motion to adjourn. Merl Willis second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

We all enjoyed a Buffet Supper after the meeting with a Social Hour and parted about 11:00 P. M.

*W. Nathan Doherty*

Minutes of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday Evening September 27, 1967  
Place: The Wheeling Village Hall  
312 E. Dundee Road

The meeting was called to order by President John Koeppen at 8 P. M.

Julius Benjamin made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Merl Willis second the motion. The Motion Carried.

President John Koeppen opened the meeting with saying that he was glad that the Building Committee is functioning to a point with the work on the "Old Hall". He thanked Merl Willis for the Good Work and Hours he has put in already. That the carpenter started last week with the Walls and the Gas Company will soon connect for the Heat Purpose.

That he brought a Chart of Paint Colors for us to observe and think over for us to decide at the next meeting what color is best. That Lucile and Adeline Schneider act as a committee to try to remember the Old Hall as it was originally and go according to their remembrances.

Mention of the Wheeling Township report of the Annual Meeting before October 23rd to Superintendent Peters.

The President appointed a Rules Committee of Dana and Julius Benjamin to look over and change as they see fit "Our Constitution and By-Laws" as was written when we first Chartered. Because we had never had a definite copy Printed after we had accepted the Written and Compiled One by Gene Sackett.

The mention of a Sign for the Outside of the "Museum" and several Types were sketched by John Koeppen who said that we should think this over and then decide at the next meeting night. Also the Idea of Outside Light. That we have (four) Cabinets now and that the Piano Donation be forgotten. That the Society would subscribe for the WHEELING HERALD and have a committee set up for clippings. That mail be addressed to Merl Willis; the now Director. A Mail Slot is in the Door. That he would like also to see a membership committee started.

That he has set up the Agenda for Order of Business as follows:

Committees from now on  
Minutes first read  
Treasurer's Report  
Reports of Officers  
Old and New Business  
Discussion Period  
Ideas and Inspiration

Surely Koeppen announced that "The Junior Woman's Club of Wheeling" are selling Sesquicentennial Cards boxed for a \$1.00 and these can be used as Greeting Cards (12) in a Box.

Merl Willis made a motion for our Society to purchase (5) five boxes to mail out to prospective members or use when necessary for the Society. Irene Datillo second the motion. The Motion Carried.

That the next meeting night we will go over the List of Names whose signatures appear on the List taken at the (1966) Family Fair.

The President stated that he would look into the Idea of Place Mats.

The mention was made to Compliment Sam Datillo for the Fine Display of Antique Autos at the Family Fair Parade.

That John Koeppen and Merl Willis would investigate for Metal Screens on the Doors and Windows for the Old Hall.

That the next meeting we would Vote on The Color Selection for the Outside Paint.

Mention of Tape Recordings. Julius Benjamin said he would look into and check for an inexpensive or reasonable Recorder and report at the next meeting ~~night~~.

Those who ordered the Sesquicentennial Boxes of Cards are:

Merl Willis	(1)
John Koeppen	(2)
Glen Benson	(1)
Sam Datillo	(1)
Dorothy Forke	(1)

All Paid Julius Benjamin  
At (\$1.00) per Box

On the Publicity Committee the President appointed himself with Sam Datillo as assistant.

Merl Willis made a motion to adjourn. Julius Benjamin second the motion. The Motion Carried and the Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

After adjournment we all took a hike over to The Old Hall for a Tour of Inspection. Members were surprised at the Progress made.

Dorothy Forke-----  
secretary

Minutes Of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday Evening October 25, 1967  
The Wheeling Village Hall  
312 E. Dundee Road

The meeting was called to order by President John Koeppen at 8 P. M. with 12 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved of by Motion made by Marshall Balling; second by Julius Benjamin. The Motion Carried to accept them as read.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1896.94 on hand in cash and \$3,000.00 in Certified Deposit which if left in as is for a period of 90 days would result in collecting  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  interest. Also the \$25.00 from "The Junior Woman's Club" still in "The Museum Fund".

Committee Reports:

Julius Benjam in reported about the Flag Pole and having consulted a Professional about the condition it is in. Finding that it is in very bad shape and in need of scraping; priming and painting. As the pole is 60 feet in height; with 6 foot lengths it does require a professional for this work. The estimate cost for condition would amount to \$110.00 for two days work. This includes the hanging of the Nylon Rope.

Stanley T. Gross made a motion to accept this Professional Pole repair man for the work. This would include the hanging of the Nylon Rope. Surely Koeppen second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

The President mentioned that Julius and Dana Benjamin would have the Corrected and Up-to-Date Constitution Copies of our Society ready for distribution at the next meeting.

Julius Benjam in gave a report of the much needed Tape-Recorder for our Society. He stated that a Norebo of a 60 to 100 Cartridge Type be chosen as it is simple for operation and not too expensive. All agreed that he look into this for us.

Marshall Balling announced that Banks; Savings and Loan Institutions are issuing for sale A Commemorative Sesquicentennial Plaque as Souvenirs of this Anniversary, at a cost of Silver ones for \$7.50 and the Bronze for \$1.00.

Surely Koeppen made a motion to purchase the Bronze One for our Museum. Julius Benjamin second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Our Museum Director; Merl Willis gave us a report of the Progress of "The Museum Hall" as to date. He said that the plumbing is being

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delayed and also the Carpenter has not shown up for sometime. That Carl Moeller; well known Citizen of Wheeling has been helping with the finishing touches in the interior. That the Gas Lite for the front should be installed before the Heating System is disconnected. That the Basement windows should be Tightened. That the Gas Meter has been placed in with a new fuse line #10 Wire. That we probably would be ready to display the Museum to the Public in the Coming Spring. Merl has also drawn a sketch of the outside Landscape of which he has shown us. Pointing out that the Old Cistern is still on the south side of the building and we would have to have it filled in. That we need furniture and many other necessary items.

Dana Benjamin made mention about the planned proposed "Junior Historical Society" of which all members seemed interested in so far.

President John Koeppen mentioned the possibility of selling "Place Mats" that we had talked about sometime ago. That we should try to gather all the past information of the Village as soon as possible. He stated that he looks forward for a Big Celebration for the coming "1968" Sesquicentennial Anniversary; and that we should invite some Prominent Officials of the State to visit us. That Marshall Balling is appointed to contact some one for speaker or program for this part of our Celebration.

Surely Koeppen mentioned that the 7th District of Woman's Clubs has all Eyes on Wheeling and their planned Museum. That we should not underestimate ourselves and our Village in this adventure.

Merl Willis said he had just returned from Peoria and Springfield where he attended the State Township Legislation Meeting. That he had gathered information about Townships in our State and what is taking place with other Historical Societies. He mentioned that we should be very grateful that our Governor and our Representatives of our District had considered us for Financial Support to our Society in Wheeling. That we should try to make this a Worth While Museum and show what we can accomplish with this Money granted to us from The Township.

The President directed Sam Datillo; our Community Council Delegate to remind them about the coming State Anniversary next year.

John Koeppen said he would speak to the Chamber of Commerce and tell them about the coming State Anniversary next year, and that he would contact the man who wrote the Brochure for The Wheeling Public Relations Industries and ask him if he would also help us for some to distribute from our Society.

Merl Willis made a Motion to meet next month November 15th if

possible in The Old Hall if Heat is available. Glen Benson second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

President John Koeppen and his wife ~~Supely~~ <sup>Gracious</sup> extended an Invitation to our Society Members to a Buffet Supper in their Home for the December 27th meeting during the Holiday Season.

The President appointed on the Committee for working to Sort and Plan the articles for display in the Museum as follows:

Glen Benson - Otto Bouc - Stanley T. Gross - Merl Willis

A Verbal Hand Vote was taken for Selecting the Color Scheme for the Outside of the Building Museum. Agreed that the White over all with a Black Window Trim and a Sign on the Building with the Paul Revere Script (Colonial Type) with Gold and Black was chosen. Also Carpeting be the suggested covering for the floor and outside Window Shutters for the outside windows.

Julius Benjamin made a motion to accept these Colors for the Outside and also for the Trim. Stanley Gross second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

The Treasurer was ordered to make out the Annual Proposed Budget of Expense and Receipts which would include the amount we will use up for Renovating "The Old Hall". This report to go to The Wheeling Township Supervisor not later than October 23rd of this year.

Sam Datillo should be given the \$4.00 dues now due to the Wheeling Community Council for the annual Donation of our Society. Marshall Balling made a motion to this effect. Merl Willis second. The Motion so Carried.

Julius Benjamin made a Motion to Adjourn. Otto Bouc second this Motion. It was carried unanimously.

Orville Fabe  
secretary



# THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Place: John and Surely Koeppen's Home  
284 Cindy Lane - Wheeling, Illinois  
December 27th, 1967

John and Surely greeted our Society Members at their Home with a Warm Welcome and escort to their Buffet Table to participate in a Candle Lite Laden with Food.

After eating and a short social hour the President called to order for a regular meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved of by motion made by Sam Datillo and second by Marshall Balling.

The Treasurer reported:  
\$3,000.00 in Certified Deposit  
\$25.00 in The Museum Fund  
\$28.31 in interest received  
\$900.00 spent on renovation so far.  
\$4,130.31 Total on hand.

## Old Business:

Report on planned Carpeting for Hall. About 56 yards needed and should be of a middle type of material which would not be too costly; but serve the purpose.

Mention of the \$15.25 permit for Sign to the Village. John Koeppen said he would take care of this.

A Motion made by Merl Willis and second by John Koeppen to consider this Type of Gas Lite that Lake Forest has. The Motion Carried (that is for the front of the building).

Merl mentioned he had talked to an International Iron Man about the Protective Wire for the Windows; that is of a Spring Type.

Sam Datillo said he had spoken to The Community Council about the coming Sesquicentennial Anniversary for next year. Eugene Sackett volunteered to take of this for the Village of Wheeling and it would probably be tied in with the next Family Fair.

That by next May we should be ready for Dedication Day. That Glenn Oakes and Charles Mihalek would take care of a Gimmick and also some form of Souvenir to hand out.

## New Business:

The President directed a letter be sent to the Duo Sign Company to Thank them for the Donated Sign.

Surely Koeppen made a motion to purchase two dozen chairs ( 2 Doz) for the Hall. Glenn Oakes second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Dorothy Forke said she would take care of Information from the Addalorato Villa.

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Marshall Balling announced he had called the Sesquicentennial Commission and gave the secretary's name to send Information to.

Sam Datillo made a motion to Adjourn. Charles Mihalek second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

We disbanded about 10 P. M. after a meeting devoted to more discussion than business and a fine sociable evening at the "John Koeppen Home".

Dorothy F. Fink  
secretary

Minutes Of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday January 24, 1968

Place: The Wheeling Village Hall  
312 E. Dundee Road

The Meeting was called to order by Vice\*President Julius Benjamin in the absence of John Koeppen. Twelve members present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of December were read and approved of by Motion made by Merl Willis, second by Sam Datillo. The Motion Carried Unanimously.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$4,930.19 on hand.

Checking	1,930.19
Deposit	3,000.00
Savings	\$25.00

Bills

Northern Gas Co	\$29.75
Postage & Cards from September 1967	3.96

Old Business:

Report from Director Merl Willis about the Museum accomplishments. He said he had painted the ceiling of the Old Hall which is 12 feet high with a self implemented device of his own. That Otto Bouc had helped with the trimmings.

New Business:

A letter of news-item from The Community Council asking for Suggestions and Gripes for stimulating the organization as attendance has been low in their group and not much co-operation from other organizations. Sam Datillo had attended the meeting as Delegate and reported for our Society expressing our Co-operation.

Marshall Balling gave a report on the Sesquicentennial Coins of Silver and Bronze assigned to Banks and Institutions only. That the limited amount issued by the Commission have been all sold out.

Merl Willis reported that he had spoken to the Chicago Iron and Brass Works about the Wire Protection for the Windows. The suggested ones would be 1½ inches in diameter of a Hard Basic Steel with padlock swing open type with outside locks. These could be had at a price of \$305.00 with installation and a cost of \$208.53 without installation and not be available for (6) weeks.

Sister Mary Lucy from The Addolorato Villa was present with a Portrait of Mrs. Frances Crane Lillie who founded "Childerly" in (1910) and offered it as a Loan to Our Museum with the agreement for The Servite Sisters to Recall this Picture if they wish to.

Marshall Balling made a motion to accept their Loan of the Portrait of Mrs. Frances Crane Lillie as per Memorandum of Agreement. Surely Koeppen second the Motion. This Motion Carried Unanimously.

Hazel Willis made a Motion to send the Annual \$7.00 fee to Illinois Historical Society for one year membership in The State as we are Chartered and would have the privilege of belonging and sending a Delegate to Vote. Adeline Schneider second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Marshall Balling was Delegated to Take Charge of All Legal Release Forms for this type of Proceedure.

Surely Koeppen moved to have Mr. Rectenwald to install the Window Bars on the outside Windows. Also to include his picking them up. Lucile Schneider second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Irene Datillo made a motion to send a Letter of Thanks for the Co-operation of letting us display the Portrait of Mrs. Lillie to be addressed to The Addolorato Villa Order. Lucile Schneider second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Sam Datillo made a motion to purchase The Brass Windows Protectors as per quoted price of \$305.53 with installation included. Glenn Benson second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Julius Benjamin presented the Design Plot that Mr. McReynolds who had made up for the Industrial Public Relations Brochures. This showed the plotted out Interior for our Museum; also the outside Landscaping. A Very Fine piece of Artistry for us to discuss at the next meeting.

John Koeppen appeared at 9:30 P. M. and called attention to the covering for the flooring. Stressing that Carpeting would be more practical and warmer. That the kind Mr. Al Rosi described would run about \$5.93 per yard and easy to keep clean and of a century tile kind, of which we could choose our selected color from the color chart. After discussion, John Koeppen made a motion to buy this Type of Carpeting to cover the flooring; with the understanding that this not be installed until the Old Floor is prepared by repair first for proper installation. Surely Koeppen second the Motion. The Motion Carried. Verbal Vote was taken for the selected color of Safari Red.

Sam Datillo made a motion to purchase the Old Time Reflector Lites (Lamps) of which Merl Willis had a duplicate one purchased already and installed on the wall. The price of \$5.00 a piece was quoted, and that (four) more would be needed. Surely Koeppen second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Merl Willis made a motion to adjourn. John Koeppen second the Motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P. M.

secretary Nathaniel Locke

Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Place: 84 South Milwaukee Avenue  
Wednesday Evening February 28, 1968

The meeting was called to order by President John Koeppen with (16) members present.

Announcement was made of the death of Julius Benjamin's Father. The President directed a Card of Sympathy be sent from our Members.

Mr. Allen Hametta joined with us in membership tonight.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved of as corrected by Motion made by Sam Datillo and second by Merl Willis. The Motion Carried.

Merl Willis read of report from Wheeling Township's Annual Budget for our Society and the Sister Arlington Heights Society. That this would be out soon for the Public to see.

The Highlight of the Evening was the Presentation of A Flag that has Flown over Our United States Capitol in Commemoration of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary from The Wheeling Junior Woman's Club, and had been secured through the efforts of Congressman Donald Rumsfeld for our Society.

The Treasurer reported a Checking Account Balance of	\$ 962.61
Certified of Deposit	3,000.00
Total Balance	3,962.61
Savings Account	25.00

John Koeppen stated he had spoken at our Town Village Meeting about our Society's Dedication Date for the 15th of May at the Museum.

Discussion came about as to who should be the Committee for this Event. Suggested that Charles Mihalek be The Chairman; Irene Datillo assistant and Stanley T. Gross be on the Program Committee.

For our Emblem and Decal Design to contact The School Superintendent to start with the School District #21 children; who are usually very talented for this type of Art. John Koeppen stated he would speak to Superintendent Gill about this.

That we have Open House and serve Coffee and Cake with Paper Cups and have Donations for Cakes; that we try to set up as according to the Design that was made by our Industrial Relations Man's Plan. That with our appointed Committee and Volunteers we try to make this a Great Day For "Wheeling".

A Letter from Gene Sackett was read concerning the Discussions for the Annual Family Fair stating that a meeting will be held at the Jack London School March 5th. That Sam Datillo our Delegate will take of this. This explained the planned going together with Family Fair and having this with other organizations on the 4th of July.

Stanley Gross made a motion that we help and participate with this suggestion for the 4th of July Celebration with the J. C'S. Irene Datillo second the motion. The Motion Carried.

Surely Koeppen made a Motion to send a Letter of Thanks to Congressman Donald Rumsfeld for the Flag he acquired for us. Charles Mihalek second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Charles Mihalek announced that we Inquire for a Summary of all Organizations to be a Part of this Historical Dedication. John Koeppen said he would take care of this.

Merl Willis also read the definite Landescape Plans as a Professional Landscaper had designed. This sounded very good as the plans called for Myrtle to cover on the ground and flowering Crab with Low Evergreen around.

That we would discuss the Name Badges at the next month meeting.

Sam Datillo made a motion to have Shutters on the outside of the

Window Frames. Merl Willis second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Discussion followed about Curtains for the inside Windows. Suggestions of Gingham and Lace came up. To be of the Old Fashioned Kind. Irene Datillo; Hazel Willis and Surely Keeppen would look into this.

Irene Datillo made a Motion to adjourn. Merl Willis second the Motion. The Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

Irene Datillo served us with her home-made Cake and Coffee. Every one present had an enjoyable social hour.

Anthony Drake  
Secretary

Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

March 26th, 1968

Place: The Historical Hall 84 S. Milwaukee

The Special meeting was called to order by the President; John Koeppen for the purpose of appointing Committee members for the Dedication Day Ceremonies. Eight members were present.

The President also appointed Julius Benjamin responsible for particular Committees and to notify each one.

The reading of the previous minutes of last meeting were dispensed with for the time.

John Koeppen informed us of the Wheeling Township Annual Meeting next Thursday April 2nd at 8 P. M. at The Junior Miner High School in Arlington Heights. That all members should try to be present to give an Impression for our Society to acquire Funds for the year. That Merl Willis and he had made a Budget to present. The Secretary should send out cards notifying each member of this Important Meeting. That also the April 3rd Workshop meeting be announced also on the Card.

Then John Koeppen announced that Committees be set up Special besides our Main Program Committee consisting of:

Charles Mihalek; Irene Datillo; Stanley T. Gross.

Mrs. Gross

Compiling: Glenn Benson; Sam Datillo; Rutj Wieder

Research: Laverne Oaks; Glenn Oaks; Allen Hametta  
Adeline and Lucile Schneider

Layout and Decerating: Dana Benjamin; Marge Rosi

Collection: Dorothy Forke; Albert Rosi; Peter Lutgen  
Ethel Wieder

Publicity: Shirley Koeppen

Legal: Marshall Balling

Building and Grouns: Merl Willis; Fred Meeller  
Jim Wieder; Otto Bouc

That by April 17th to be the deadline and notify people to bring Items no later as we draw the line for accepting articles at that date.

That Merl Willis and John Koeppen take care of Brochures and Programs.

That we ask for Donations of Coffee, Cake and other necessary Items from Strees or the Public; that is Citizens of the Community.

A Motion made by Julius Benjamin and second by Irene Datillo that Surely Koeppen write the Letter to Governor Otto Koerner inviting him to our Dedication. The Motion Carried. Than we would learn when the Governor could come and go by that to our Date of Dedication.

John Koeppen would take care of the Invitations to the Dignitaries after we find out the Definite Date.

Sam Datillo made a motion to adjourn. Julius Benjamin second the Motion. The Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

*Ronachy D. Roke*  
secretary

Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

April 3, 1968  
84 S. Milwaukee Avenue "The Museum"

The President opened the meeting with a report of the "Wheeling Township's Annual Town Meeting". That the Officials had again allotted our Society with \$5,000.00 for this year's Budget. That Arlington Heights had also received the same amount for their Historical Society. He also said we would meet every Wednesday Night until The Dedication with the Special Committees would be set up and arranged for the Event.

Fifteen members were present.

The members for the Special Committees appointed for the Dedication Day were read by the chairman of the committees; Julius Benjamin.

Discussion of a Telephone and Alarm System came about.

Glenn Oakes made a Motion to have the Telephone installed inside of the building with the alarm system. Irene Datillo second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Allen Hametta would help with the Installation of the Alarm.

Merl Willis should contact the Telephone Company for the Phone as he has the key for the hall.

Irene Datillo made a Motion to purchase a Coffee Maker and discussion followed about how large a one should be had. Also it should be of a stainless steel type. Surely Keeppen second the Motion. The Motion carried.

Surely Keeppen made a Motion to buy the necessary Lead Boards to work with. Allen Hametta second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Mention of the Stationery and Typewriter; to be with a stand. Glenn Oakes said he would look into both for prices and also for the storage cabinets. That he would also take care of seeing an artist about the Stationery.

John Keeppen stated he had a Donation for Black Plastic Shutters for the outside windows. The members agreed to accept the Offer.

John Keeppen; the President of our Society announced that he had an offer from "The Spot" restaurant of Dundee Road for a Donation of Refreshments for our Dedication Day. He also said that he would like the Committees to try to meet and start working and planning; that they could even meet in the Hall if necessary. That we should try to contact all the Old Timers we could. That Glenn Oakes has volunteered to Compile the History for the Brochure which we will hand out on the Big Day.

That we should publicize in the paper of this Dedication Day and make this Day known so as to acquire Donations for Refreshments, and that we will meet again next Wednesday night for Workshop and the secretary send out cards to notify the members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

*W. A. R. R.*  
Secretary



Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

April 10, 1968  
84 S. Milwaukee Avenue "The Museum"

Meeting called to order at 8 P. M. by John Koeppen the President with 10 members present.

John Koeppen announced he has an Interior Decorator who would give us Professional Advice as to the Colors of the Interior and Windows. He mentioned that the Panel Wall does not correspond or match with the Red Carpeting. Discussion followed and it ended in a Motion made by Surely Koeppen that we hire a Professional Crew to restore the inside of the Hall; that is the walls, etc and acquire the advice of a Professional. Julius Benjamin second the Motion. The Motion carried unanimously. And that John Koeppen have authority to meet with the Jobbers this Friday morning at 9:30 P. M. in the Hall and confide with these and then decide for as reasonable Price as possible. This was agreeable and included in the above Motion.

It was decided to leave the plumbing open at a low price and wait next week.

Discussion about the coming Dedication Day brought response from Sam and Irene Datillo who mentioned that Caterers could be engaged at the price of \$100.00 for (300) people accommodation. That they take care of the refreshments and serving; the food included with the furnishing of everything.

It was decided that Sam and Irene take care of this engaging the Caterers when the Dedication Date is settled.

Surely Koeppen announced that she would take care of the notices in the papers pertaining to Items for Collection for our Museum Also a write up about the coming Event.

Irene Datillo reported about the Coffee Pots for serving. It was decided to first have a smaller one to start out with. The price of \$15.99 and a good metal of larger capacity for \$26.00. Sam Datillo gave a report on the J. O's notice of their Fertilizer that they are selling. That they are having a meeting April 18th at The Union Hotel John Koeppen said he would attend this meeting as they would like a representative as Sam could not make it this evening.

Sam Datillo announced the coming "Fashion Show" of the Meadow Brook Woman's Club on the date of May 8th. That they would like the information of our Society and when we meet and where for their Annual Club Calendars which they are planning again. The secretary was ordered to inform them.

A letter was also directed to be sent To The Junior Woman's Club of Wheeling to thank them for the Sesquicentennial Flag they had presented to us.

John Koeppen had the opportunity to purchase an outside Gas Lamp rather reasonable for \$25.00. This was agreeable to all.

A letter was read of reply from the Redlingers and they were pleased to help if anyone came to see them.

After the reading of the names of those on the committees for the coming Dedication - The President ordered Cards for meeting notice be sent out for next Wednesday.

The meeting adjourned after much discussion and planning for the Hall and Dedication Day.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

*Donna L. Loh*  
Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 8 P. M. in the Museum Hall by John Keeppen, President with (8) members present.

Marshall Balling had copies of Forms from The Chicago Historical Society pertaining to the Loaning and Donating Legality. Discussion followed and it was decided to have the Heading and name changed to conform with our Specifications and Glenn Oakes would do this piece of Art for us.

It was decided to have an outside Placque with Inscriptions reading:

Original Old Hall built in (1897)

Date of Dedication Day for Museum Hall in (1968). John Keeppen would take care of this Placque.

John Keeppen mentioned about the Request of the Village Officials for the Preservation of the Original Table and Chairs from the Old Hall. He stated that they would gladly see that this request is granted.

Glenn Oakes said he knows of a place that we could obtain picture frames of (12 x 15 inches for cost of \$3.00 each.

John Keeppen showed the sample of wall-paper of a deep Red Design of a vinyl easy to keep kind.

Irene Datillo gave a report of Coffee Pots. She could get a aluminum type at a cost of (\$24.00) for an (48) cup and one for a (75) cup for \$26.00.

Fred Moeller made a Motion to purchase inside Shutters as per suggestion of the Interior Decorator and this to be of the Louvred Type. Surely Keeppen second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

That the carpenter take care of the outside door so as to not interfere with the Powder Room dorr and that the decided shades would be the wainscoating be a deep white to match with the deep Red wall paper above. The wiring should be checked over and have a Professional take care of all inside work. That John Keeppen would see to all this and that he would consult the Professional Interior Decorator about the lighting effects. And the Landscaping, Interior Electric work and miscellaneous are under control for Completion.

Meeting adjourned after coffee and cake was served by Surely Keeppen and Irene Datillo.

*Glenn Oakes*  
Secretary

Special Meeting of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Wednesday Evening April 24, 1968  
Place: The Museum Hall - 84 S. Milwaukee

John Koeppen opened the meeting with the reading of the previous meeting minutes. Sam Datillo made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Surely Koeppen second the motion. The Motion Carried.

The first thing on the agenda was the reading of the letter of reply from The Governor pertaining to our Invitation to the Dedication. The letter contained his appreciative recognition of Invitation and also his regret for not being able to attend.

Glenn Oakes reported on the price of Coffee Pots of the stainless steel type; a (36) cup for price of \$13.97 and a (75) cup for \$27.00. After some discussion it was decided that Glenn Oakes order the agreed upon by the members for the (36) cup and (75) one. That the smaller one could accommodate our meetings and the (75) for the larger groups.

Glenn Oakes also reported a price of \$49.95 for the picture he showed of the advertised Tape Recorder which would be suitable for our Society. He also presented the Forms that the Chicago Historical Society uses for Loaning and Donating Items and records with the change to conform to our Society and these be the Three sheets Forms. That he could have these printed at a cost of (\$15.00) per thousand with the copy of fine print as the ones which appear on these from The Chicago Historical Society ones.

Ruth Wieder made a Motion to order (Two Thousand) Forms at this cost price from Glenn Oakes - providing that these are checked by the Liability Insurance Company of our Society and after Glenn has arranged and changed to conform with other necessary Legal Information for protection to us and the Donor. That the fine print on the back contain the agreement of explanation. Irene Datillo second this motion. The Motion Carried unanimously.

Glenn Oakes who has been appointed to compile Our Society Dedication History reported that he has found (four) different dates of the Village Incorporation. The President directed the secretary to write to The Secretary of the State for the definite Charter and Registration Date.

John Koeppen reported also that he is waiting for the Landscaper; the electrician and plasterer. That the Public Works Department took the old paneling out for the building on Hintze Road. That the paneling has all been removed; that he and Sam Datillo had been working. Also have the Fire Inspector to check the Wires.

John Koeppen the President directed Ruth Wieder to inform The Meadowbrook Woman's Club about our Announcement of the Time and Days we would have the Museum Open to The Public and that this would be specified on their Calendars of the year they distribute. That the time read for the opening Days would be on Saturday and Sundays from 10 o'clock to 5 P. M. and also the (Three Holidays of Memorial Days The 4th of July and Labor Day. Group Tours by Appointment only.

Glenn Oakes mentioned a Typewriter and suggested that one be bought from Sears Roebuck and to be the S. O. M. Type.

The President said he would like to contact Elder Statesmen and Elder people of the Area; the over 50 Club and School Children before the Dedication to learn some of the past History of them and to have them become interested in the Society.

The Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

Irene Datillo served home made cake and coffee.

*Dorothy Lake*  
secretary

Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING  
Wednesday Evening May 15, 1968  
Place: The Museum Hall - 84 S. Milwaukee

The President John Keeppen called the meeting to order at 8 P. M. with (12) members present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved of by Motion made and Carried unanimously.

A letter of reply from the Office of the Secretary of State with the information relative to the records of the Office about the Incorporation of our Village of Wheeling reading thus; that the Village of Wheeling in the County of Cook was Incorporated locally through the Court on Junly 17, 1894. That on the date of August 27th (1894) the proceedings were filed in the Office of Secretary of State. and on that same date a Certificate of Incorporation was issued. Also mention of a Photo Copy of these proceedings could be furnished for the fee of (\$3.00) and if Certified and additional making a total (\$5.00).

Charles Mihalek made a motion to write for a copy at this cost. Glenn Oaks second the Motion. The Motion Carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stanley Gross announced that her Chorus Group which she is a member of would be glad to sing and render a number for our Dedication.

The interest check of (\$33.75) for the (\$3,000.00) in savings was received. John Keeppen said he would take this to the Treasurer at the Bank and also would inquire about the best advised procedure for this money if to be used by us immediately or placed with our other savings depending on the tax ruling.

Discussion also pertaining to Decals and mention of Vehicle stickers with emblem of our Society. Charles Mihalek will look into this.

Special Committee Reports:

Glenn Oaks reported that he found that the Bulletin Boards we spoke of were found to be quite high in price.

John Keeppen said he would check into the Heating System the hot and cold water spickets; the (2) lines for sinks and check the plumbing and speak to the Landscaper.

The President announced that Dana and Julius Benjamin have the Revised and amended Constitution of our Society Completed and that next meeting night we would have this checked and approved of by the by the Board and Members.

John Keeppen directed the secretary to send out notices for the next meeting night and also mention the members dues that are not paid to date.

Merl Willis mentioned to look into the planned Outside Room which would be used for the "Old Fire Pumper" in which to display this. He would check into the costs of building.

Charles Mihalek spoke for The Wheeling Beautification Club. He had a sample of the litter bag which the Club is selling at the price of (\$30.00) per (1000) deals which includes the name, telephone number and place of business imprinted on one side of the bag. This as an advertisement incentive for business or individuals and can be used in the cars; home and beaches.

Glenn Oaks presented to our Society as a Donation of an Artificate in the form of an Outmoded (1929) Edison Electric Light Bulb inserted in a Base with wiring and in good repair for display to the Museum.

Merl Willis was reminded to look into the molding for over the top of the wainscoting; the guard over the Door Steep and also the Fire Marshall to check the building and doors.

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John Koeppen was also mentioning that he had spoken to the Neighbor "Don Malin" in regards to the Parking conditions and found him to be agreeable and he would go along with us in this respect.

The Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

Orathy Parke  
secretary

Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING  
Wednesday Evening May 22, 1968  
Place: The Museum Hall

Meeting was called to order by President John Koeppen with  
(12) twelve members present.

Reading of the Minutes of the previous Meeting. A Motion  
was made to accept them as read.

John Koeppen stated that the Dedication Time was near at hand  
and that the month of June we should be opened to the Public.

It was decided to choose the tentative date of August 18th  
coming as a suitable date for the Dedication.

Charles Mihalek was present with sketches of "The Old Hall"  
which were photographed and the ones chosen for our emblems and  
stationery, etc. The lighter Photo was decided upon to use.

Correspondence:

A letter from The Illinois Historical Society announcing  
the Workshop and the coming Convention at Springfield this August  
24th and 25th. It was agreed that the Curator and The Museum  
Director attend as delegates. That our Treasury would take care  
of the food; gasoline and motel bills. Glenn Oaks brought the two  
orders of the Legal Forms for Loans and Donations.

Discussion of Tape Recorder came about. Julius Benjamin  
said an Eicher was a well known make.

Peter Lutgen offered a used large Eicher Tape REcorder as  
a Donation to us. We accepted this. But another smaller one should  
also be on hand to take out to interview Old Timers.

Ethel Wieder and Glenn Benson were suggested to visit The  
Redlinger Family in Oak Park for information of early Wheeling.  
A Sesquicentennial Map with the Autograph of one of our Citizens of  
Wheeling who became successfully well known in Business Ventures;  
that is George Clements; Chairman of The Jewel Store was received  
from him. These Maps were sponsored by "The Jewel Stores" and given  
free to only Libraries and Schools and Villages.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

*Glenn Oaks* -----  
secretary

Minutes of Meeting  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Wednesday Evening June 5th, 1968  
Place: The Museum Hall

The President, John Koeppen opened the Meeting at 8 P. M. with (8) members present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted by a Motion made and Carried unanimously.

John Koeppen, The President announced that his wife Surely had been in Prospect Heights one day last week and happened to notice a Business place that was going out of business. She became curious and inquired about the Show-Cases in the store and found out that they were for sale. She immediately notified her husband and he seen to having them picked up as the price was very reasonable of (\$200.00) for four Cases in good condition.

Glenn Oaks inquired about the Tax exempt forms to find out if we would be taxed on the Loan and Donations of items. He asked to look at our Charter to see if would show this.

John Koeppen mentioned he already had in mind a Diamond Celebration for next year of our Village and have this held at Heritage Park with the Public Relations of the Village to promote. To have a three-day Celebration over the Labor Day Holiday and everyone should try to think about this. He has in mind also to have a Plot of the Map of the Village blown Up into a large Display for the Wall.

A check was given to Glenn Oaks to pay for the forms of two sets of ~~Loan and Donation~~ Blanks.

Surely Koeppen mentioned the Free Greyhound Bus Books that had been offered by Company for Schools, Villages, etc. Irene Datillo will take care of securing some for us. She also said we should have our New Stationery before the Dedication.

Julius Benjamin was present with the almost completed Revised Constitution of our Society. The President took each ordinance of our original Constitution and went over carefully analyzing with the Members present for changes, and amendments for correction from the first original one which Eugene Sackett had compiled for us at the time we Chartered. Considerable time was spent with this in the meeting. It was directed that all members be notified about this after complete constitution has been changed.

The Treasurer reported a plumbing bill for	\$340.95
Carpeting	304.87
Show-Cases	200.00
Plaster	250.00

In the checking account	\$ 965.85
Certificate Deposit	1000.00
Baby Savings Account	59.62
Certificate of Deposit	2,000.00
Contemplated Fund of the Township	5,000.00

Surely Koeppen mentioned the Press Releases of reminding the Public.

A Motion was made by Sam Datillo to have an auditor come in a short time before the Annual Meeting to look over the books and this to be an outsider. Merl Willis second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Also that the President set up (2) as a committee with the auditor before the meeting and the two consisting of two members.

Julius Benjamin will check for a Portable Typewriter and Glenn Oaks for a Tape Recorder.

Meeting adjourned at 8 P. M.

*Norathy Toke*  
Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Wednesday Evening July 17, 1968  
Place: The Museum Hall - 84 S. Milwaukee

The Meeting was called to order by the President; John Koeppen with (9) members present.

The Treasurer reported in checking account	\$1,622.69
Township Fund Allotment	5,000.00
Baby Savings Account	- 59.62
Total	- 6,682.31

John Koeppen announced that he would like to have a Platform built for Dedication and also a Loudspeaker and the decorations of Red White and Blue on this rostrum. He also asked for Old Picture Frames.

The President directed letters be sent to "The Wheeling Junior Woman's Club" thanking them for the Centennial Flag and to Representative Donald Rumsfeld and Eugene Schlickman State Senator for the American Flag which we received from them through their efforts.

To Mr. Harhen of Highland Grove for the donation of the Swing Boards and to Pepsi-Cola for information about their Wagon for special occasions. To The "Wheeling Fire Department" requesting them to Preserve "The Old Original Fire Pumper" for future Public Display at the Museum. To the Veteran Groups asking them for (2) Honor Guards for the Dedication.

That the secretary compile a letter to be made of more copies to send to Churches, Schools, and other organizations of the Village asking them for a short Resume of History of their particular Group to place in the Library of the Museum.

Surely Koeppen than read the Resume she had compiled for the Brochures we plan to distribute on Dedication Day. All agreed that it was a Very Nice One. She was chosen to take care of the Press Releases for this Occasion.

Correspondence:

A letter from the "Wheeling Jay Cees" thanking the Society for the (\$10.00) donation they received for their 4th of July festivities.

Hazel Willis made a motion to hold our Dedication Day the 13th of this coming October on the second Sunday of the month. Sam Datillo second the motion. The Motion Carried.

Merl Willis gave a report on the bid for the extra building to display the "Old Fire Pumper". He said an estimate was given for a 15 x 15 foot structure with a gable roof and cement floor with apron outside of door at a cost of (\$1200.00). After discussion by members they decided to have a few more feet added for accessory space at this cost quoted price (which would be more than \$1200.00 for the extra space. Charles Mihalek made a motion to have this built but with a (15 x 20) foot area after Village permit is granted. Julius Benjamin second the Motion. The Motion Carried unanimously.

Charles Mihalek presented a copy of an invitation with a Picture and Print in a folded type at a cost of (40¢) per copy of (500) sheets and (500) envelopes. It was decided that he order these at this price and style.

Discussion came about the Hall Lease which would expire next January 4th of (1969). Merl Willis and John Koeppen would approach the Village Board about this.

Sam Datillo announced that Irene had received the (300) Greyhound booklets, that we plan to distribute at the Dedication.

Surely Koeppen suggested to send Invitations to Mr. Zejwicki and Mr. Jedlunk of the Chicago Historical Society as then we would have a chance to be listed with the Shell Oil Company who put The Greater Chicago Tours so that our Museum would be on the list.

It was announced that Eugene Sackett had ordered the Guest Book for the Dedication.



The President asked that Old Timers and Old Time Families be contacted for History. That also Old Timers and Families of Old Timers be sent an invitation to this Dedication.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

Nathaniel Parker  
Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Wednesday Evening July 24, 1968  
Place: The Museum Hall - Milwaukee Avenue

The Meeting was called to order by the President; John Koeppen  
with (9) members present.

Julius Benjamin reported about the Flag Pole in front of the Museum saying that he had a man coming from the W. G. N. Company who would take care of the resurfacing and painting.

A Notice from the Lake County Fair Commission about their Historic Display at their coming Fair beginning this July 22nd and extending over the 28th in Grayslake.

Discussion about the Shears of a certain type to have the engraving work on these shears to be given to those cutting such as the Mayor and other Officials; with the Date of Dedication engraved on them.

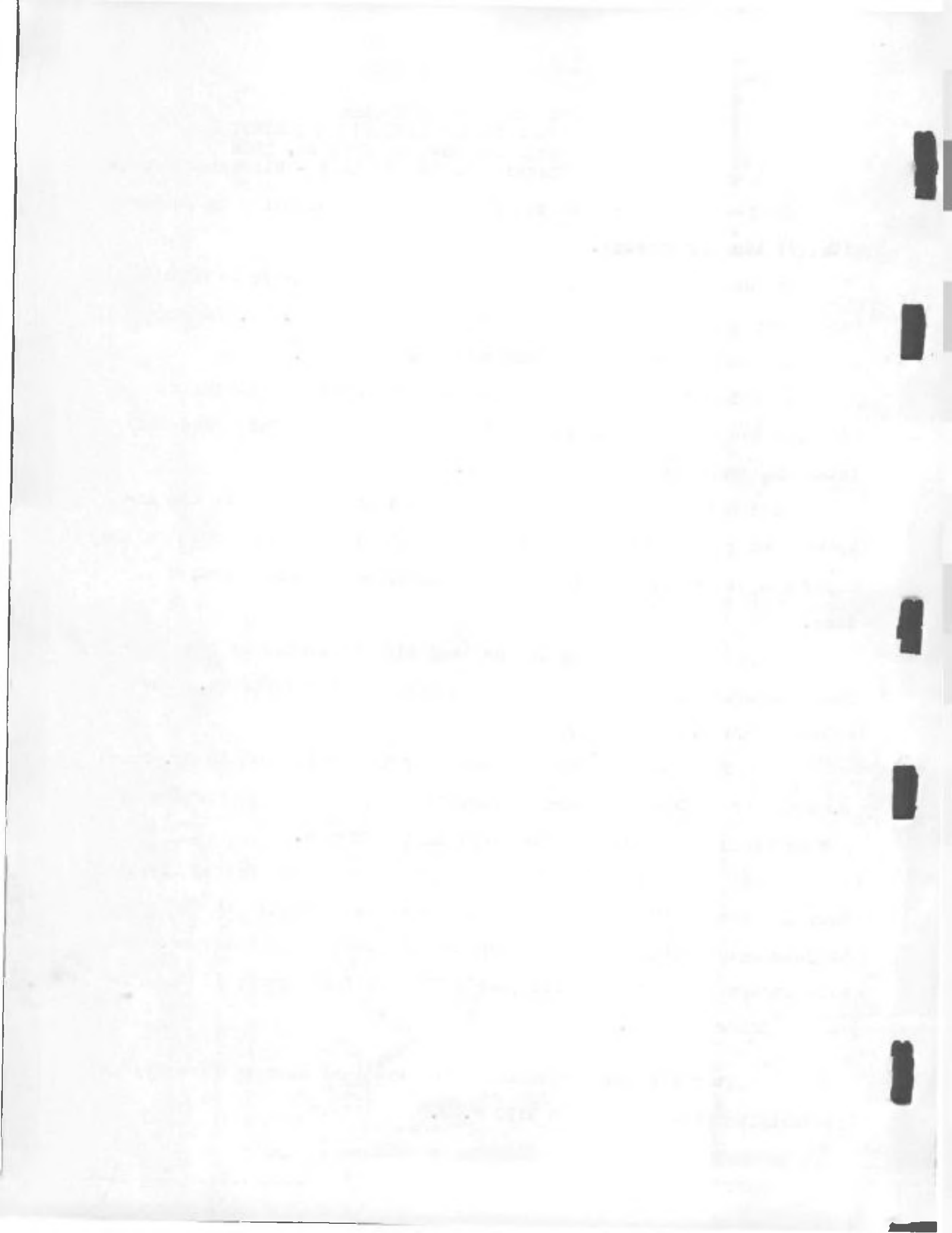
A Motion was made by Julius Benjamin and second by Dana Benjamin to order (6) of this kind of shears for the occasion. The Motion Carried.

The President directed a letter of Thanks be sent to Mr. Frank E. Walda of 1129 Valley Stream Drive to express the appreciation of his services of electrical work done in the Museum.

The President also mentioned the coming Labor Day celebration Day; the Decal Stickers for Autos and also he mentioned to ask others to join with us in membership such as Business Men of the Town. He also stressed the coming next year's Village Anniversary of the 75th year of Incorporation.

After a short discussion about the incidentals necessary in the building we adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

*Orathy P. Pike*  
secretary



Minutes of the Meeting  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Wednesday Evening August 7, 1968  
Place: 84 South Milwaukee Avenue

The Meeting was called to order by President John Koeppen with (8) members present.

The Treasurer read a report of in Savings Account	\$4,000.00
Checking	1,200.00

John Koeppen first announced that we would have to postpone or change our October 13th Dedicated Date as the Village Mayor and other Officials would be in Hawaii to a Convention. Discussion followed and it was decided to try the following Sunday October 29th tentatively.

Lamber Donas has donated for the outside frontage a Gas Lamp for beautification and Illumination to the Museum at night.

That the Legal Committee should meet for checking the Insurance for the Loan and Donations and the Charter for tax exemptions; also the liability for displaying the "Old Fire Pumper". That we should have a closing Status report before the Dedication as some will display items just for the Dedication Day only.

Merl Willis said he would make a Guard for the outside Gas Lamp and also look into taking care of the Roofers.

Correspondence from The Illinois State Historical Society regarding the coming State's Historical Society's Old Capitol Tribute Banquette and Workshop this coming August 24th and 25th when Governor Shapiro and former Governor Koerner will speak. Merl and Hazel Willis with Lucile Schneider will attend.

Dana Benjamin reported she had consultation about Curtains with a professional Decorator of Wheeling who quoted a price of \$317.60 for the (6) windows. This particular type to use (55 yards) of a good translucent material in beige color and made into a pleated style suitable to this kind of Museum. Discussion followed and Dana was asked to acquire other estimates.

John Koeppen said he has found a qualified Boy to do the scraping of paint from the windows and also the washing and cleaning, and a friend who would help with the floor tiling.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

*Dorothy Laake*  
Secretary

Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday Evening August 30, 1968  
Place: The Museum Hall - 84 south Milwaukee

The Meeting was called to order by the President; John Koeppen with (11) members present.

The Treasurer reported the balance of (\$6,095.16) on hand in the Bank.

John Koeppen mentioned he had the Financial Budget for the year made up and told us if the members would pay up their dues now it would cover to the date of February 28th of next year. As the rewritten Constitution and amendment changes made by Julius Benjamin and himself would make the coming slate of proposed Officers for the month of March; the election in April and the Installation in May. After reading the completed Fiscal Annual Budget as written - Dan Benjamin made a Motion to Adopt the Financial Statement as presented Sam Datillo second the Motion. The Motion Carried unanimously. Also mention to put in the report early of next year.

John Koeppen stated he had spoken to the Insurance Agent about the Loan with the "Old Fire Pumper" for display and that he has been putting on the finishing touches in the Hall. That Mr. Ed D'Argo has helped with the Tiling in the Wash-room.

Next John Koeppen presented the Constitution that he and Julius Benjamin had revised and changed according to be appropriate for this time. After reading and explaining the changes and amendments he asked for opinions from the members.

Sam Datillo made a Motion to accept the Constitution which supercedes existing changes and amendments. Merl Willis second the Motion. The Motion Carried unanimously.

John Koeppen brought up the Correspondence from Reuben Donnelly about advertising in the Yellow Pages. Members thought to wait a while for thks.

Surely Koeppen said she had received a Brochure from the Illinois Historical Society telling all about Museums and how to arrange them.

Letters were directed to be sent to:

Lambert Domas for the donation of the Front Gas Lamp for the Outside.

The Department of Revenue asking for a Seal Tax number for non-profit organizations of our Society. (160 North LaSalle St.)

To Mrs Anita Gruber asking for Two (2) Brownies; Two Girl Scouts; for the Flag Ceremony for the Dedication.

To Mr. Don Allison asking for Two (2) Cub Scouts; Two (2) Boy Scouts for the same Flag Ceremony.

Mr. Cass of the Illinois Bell Telephone Office of Wheeling asking about the Covering for next year's Directory pertaining to the Village's (75th) Anniversary. To contact the Village Public Relations for details.

Shell Oil Company of North Michigan, Chicago for information to register in their Brochure for our Museum.

To the Chicago Tribune Travel Section to list our Museum.

To the Tourism Council of Greater Chicago at Civic Center Plaza % Mr. Buckmeister for information for listing in their Brochures of our Museum.

To the three Veterans Groups of Wheeling; the Amvets; the V. F. W. and the American Legion for Two (2) Honor Guards each for

the Dedication.

Also a letter to be compiled and sent to all organizations of the Village telling them of our Dedication and asking for a short resume of History to be placed in our Museum Library.

To Marge Beul of the School Libraries for Histories.

Fund Raiser discussion appeared and it was suggested to hold a Sneak Preview Dinner the night before the Dedication for making a little money and to also have a chance for membership drive that night. That a Mr. Mark De Foor of Steve's Restaurant engaged to do the Catering as he offered a cost of (\$3.60) per person and that we could have the Banquet Hall of Don Malin's Free of charge; but that the understanding is that each person pay for their own Beverage. This Surely Koeppen and Dana Benjamin suggested.

Dana Benjamin made a Motion to hold this Banquet the night of Saturday October 19th and not to exceed (150) Tickets and charge (\$5.00) per Ticket. Irene Datillo second the Motion. The Motion Carried. With the understanding that those attending the Dinner could view the Museum the night before if they preferred.

It was suggested that the Mayor and his wife have Free Tickets.

That the Ex-Mayor's have Honorary Membership in our Society.

Merl Willis and Lucile Schneider gave reports of their visit to the Centennial Commission Convention at Springfield last week. They told of what they had learned from the Highlights of the Session. The Delegates were thanked for their reports.

Dana Benjamin reported she had another estimate for Draperies, which amounted to (\$360.00) made up the same way as was offered before but not of the same material as the first estimate she had gotten from Spring Crest of Wheeling. It was decided by the members that she should order the first kind she had reported to us; but to try to get them a little cheaper even if material is not as good.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

*Norathy Deane*  
secretary



To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

Whereas, Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation  
duly signed and verified of \_\_\_\_\_

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

have been filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on the 17th  
day of September A. D. 19 68, as provided by the "GENERAL NOT  
FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT" of Illinois, approved July 17, 1943, in force  
January 1, A. D. 1944;

Now Therefore, I, PAUL POWELL, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois,  
by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Certificate of  
Amendment, and attach thereto a copy of the Articles of Amendment to  
the Articles of Incorporation of the aforesaid corporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to  
be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois;

Done at the City of Springfield, this 17th  
day of September A. D. 19 68 and  
of the Independence of the United States  
the one hundred and 93rd.

*Paul Powell*

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Date 9-17-67

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ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT  
to the  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
under the  
GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT

To PAUL POWELL, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois.

The undersigned corporation, for the purpose of amending its Articles of Incorporation and pursuant to the provisions of Section 35 of the "General Not For Profit Corporation Act" of the State of Illinois, hereby executes the following Articles of Amendment:

1. The name of the corporation is: Wheeling Historical Society
2. There are SOME members, having voting rights with respect to amendments:  
(Insert "no" or "some")

(Strike paragraphs (a), (b), or (c) not applicable)

3. (a) At a meeting of members, at which a quorum was present, held on August 28, 1968, same receiving at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes entitled to be cast by the members of the corporation present or represented by proxy at such meeting.

(1) By a consent in writing signed by all members of the corporation entitled to vote with respect thereto, X X

(c) <sup>X</sup>At a meeting of directors (members having no voting rights with respect to amendments) held on <sup>X</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, 19<sup>X</sup>\_\_\_\_, <sup>X</sup>same receiving the votes of a majority <sup>X</sup>of the directors then in office, the following amendment or amendments were adopted in the manner prescribed by the "General Not For Profit Corporation Act" <sup>X</sup>of the State of Illinois: <sup>X</sup>

Be it hereby resolved that the purpose of the Society be amended to include the following provisions:

Benefit Exemptions, Exclusion from Certain Activities and a Regulation Governing the Dissolution of the Society as reproduced in full on the attached page.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned corporation has caused these Articles of Amendment to be executed in its name by its X President, and its X Secretary, this 4th day of September, 1968.



Wheeling Historical Society  
(Exact Corporate Title)

By John W. H. Kieppen  
Its President  
Orville H. Fordie  
Its Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF COOK } ss.

I, MARSHALL C. BALLING, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on the 16th day of Sept., 1968, John W. H. Kieppen (Acknowledgment by either officer is sufficient)

personally appeared before me and, being first duly sworn by me, acknowledged that he signed the foregoing document in the capacity therein set forth and declared that the statements therein contained

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year before written.

Marshall C. Balling  
Notary Public.

FORM NP-35

Box 45-84 File 081

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

to the

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

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Paul Powell  
Secretary of State

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WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
84 So. Milwaukee Ave.

September 4, 1968

The Purpose of the Society (Article 5 of the Original Charter) is hereby amended to include the following:

No part of the net earnings of the Society shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, Board of Directors, Officers or other private persons, except that the Society shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation.

No substantial part of the activities of the Society shall be the carrying on of propoganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Society shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions, the Society shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law).

Upon the dissolution of the Society, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Society, dispose of all of the assets of the Society exclusively for the purposes of the Society in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the County in which the principal office of the Society is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated for such purposes.

Approved by a majority vote of the Members, August 28, 1968.

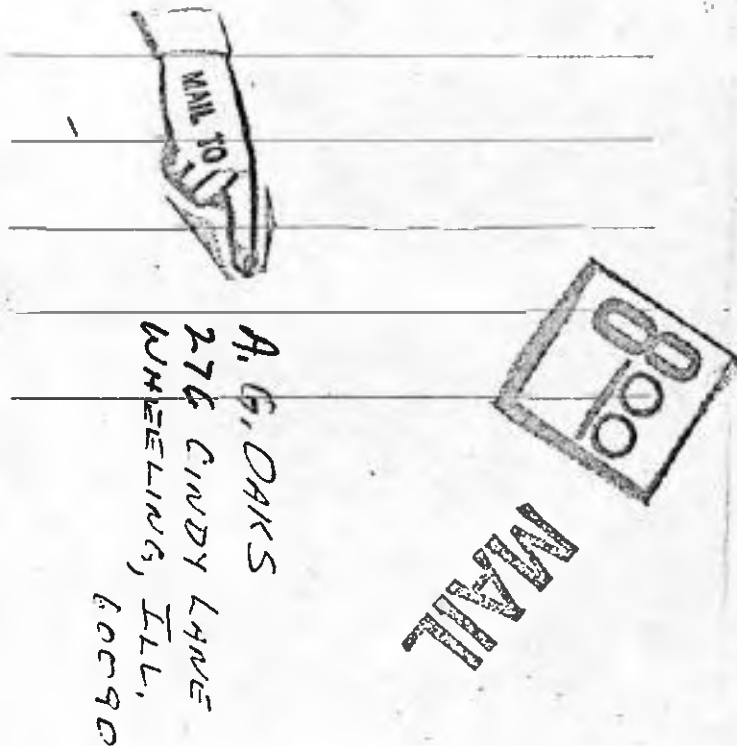
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Minutes of

The Wheeling Historical Society Meeting

Wednesday Evening September 25, 1968

Place: The Museum Hall  
84 south Milwaukee Avenue

The Meeting was called to order by the President; John Koeppen at 8 P. M. with (13) members present and (2) guests.

The President introduced the two guests; Mrs. Mary Jane Kopacek a Girl Scout Representative of Wheeling and Mr. Raymond Lee; Principal of Carl Sandburgh School of Wheeling.

The President announced that he had completed the Annual Financial Report for "Wheeling Township" and had a copy for members to view. He said that Glen Oaks had sent The Original Charter into the County Records Office to check for Internal Revenue Purpose as we have Voted Changes of Amendments to our Original Constitution.

The President directed letters of appreciation be sent to; Mr. Ed D'Arggooff 262 Cindy Lane, Wheeling for his contribution of work tiling in the back room.

To Mrs. Daisey Daniels of Arlington Heights for the Historical Material she loaned to us.

To Mr. Douglas Cargill for the original document sales receipt. of the First Old Fire Pumper.

The President; John Koeppen announced that he had (three) Bids for a Gas Fired Heating System for the Hall, consisting of;

one from Sears, Roebuck & Company for	(\$970.00)
one other for	(\$600.00) (750.00)
one from Ricks Heating of Wheeling	(516.00)

Glen Oaks made a Motion to accept the lower Bid one from Rick's of Wheeling for (\$516.00). Sam Datillo second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Then Irene Datillo presented and read the compiled Program she had Lorraine Lark had planned out for the Dedication and went over carefully with all present for information and changes, such as; When to have to give the Invocation such as the Pastor of the Oldest Church of Wheeling.

Closing Prayer

Whom to Cut the Ribbon such as The Mayor

Whom to Hostess like the Womens Club of Wheeling

Where to seat Dignitaries

When to Speak

To Have Rostrum in front of Hall

To close Center Street for the Service and have platform close to Center Street.

Have the Oldest Living Resident of Wheeling present

To be prepared for (300) to (400) people for refreshments

That we try to have (500) Invitations printed

That Surely Koeppen take care of Paper releases

That when the Tour starts have the Dignitaries lead first

Have one assigned to each unit that takes part.

To think of gimmick for distribution as remembrance of Affair

That the Programming as Irene Datillo and Lorraine Lark see fit and whom they would try to obtain to fill in-that this be left up to them and that they would try to get the neames that were mentioned to-night to help fill in.

The President then asked the two guests present if they would say a few words!

Mr. Lee; Principal of Carl Sandburg School spoke first and told us of his work with the Perre Country Historical Society in southern Illinois of which he is a member and his work with them. He enlightened us about a magazine which he suggested we should have. It was suggested that we send for the details.

Mrs Mary Jane Kopacek than told us that she represented the Girl Scout Council of the Area. She explained the benefits of Sponsoring Troops such as our Society saying that the following five Cadett Girl

are in need of a Sponsor namesly; #69; #129; #142; #759; #263.

After hearing of the worth-while cause Dana Benjamin made a Motion to Sponsor these five named Cadett Troops. Surely Koeppen second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Dana Benjamin said that she was sure the Drapes would be up by October 1st. Also that she had with her the Brown and Bigelow Catalogue of which she found many tokens suitable and gifts of which we had decided to give the Dignitaries and those present as gimmich for remembrance. The Calendars seemed to be the least expensive and appropriate.

John Koeppen made a Motion to give Tokens. Sam D tillo second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Dana Benjamin made a Motion to give to John Koeppen; The President (2) signed blank checks and (\$100.00) in cash for both Dana Benjamin and Surely Koeppen for incidentals that would come up for the Dedication Day expense. This being necessary as some small items denand cash. La Verne Oaks second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Glen Oaks made a Motion to purchase the (1897) Sears, Roebuck Catalogue that was advertised in The Chicago Tribune for (14.00). La Vern Oaks second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

The secretary was directed to send a letter to Mrs. Marge Olsen the President of The Wheeling Women'S Club asking if it would be agreeable to have her and some members act as Hostesses for the Dedication Service Day October 20th.

Dana Benjamin made a Motion to adjourn. Sam Datillo second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 11' o'clock) P. M.

*Orathy Zolke*  
*Secretary*

Minutes of  
THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday Evening October 2, 1968  
Place: The Museum - 84 So Milwaukee Ave

The Meeting was called to order by the President; John Koeppen at 8 P. M. with (14) members present.

The President announced that he thought we have everything under control now and set for the Dedication Day Sunday October 20th.

The Resume of History came in from "The Good Shepard Lutheran Church of 1111 No Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights, for our Library file.

Letters were directed to be sent to; Mr. George Raupp; of the Public Works Department for transporting the Old Fire Pumper to the Museum Hall.

Edward Bellmore of 25 So Milwaukee Avenue for the information he gave on the Tape Recording.

Mr. Virgil Horath; President of Arlington Heights, Illinois Historical Society wishing him speedy recovery of his recent Heart Attack.

To Mr. Holt of Illinois Historical Society for helping us with the laying out of the Dedication Day.

Glen Oaks had a sample of combination pen and letter opener which he found to be appropriate for give away to the Dignitaries. After viewing the item the Society decided it would be the right thing for a gift to them. Glen was told to order (12) of these as we previously had made a Motion for this.

Surely Koeppen moved to purchase about (1000) of the gold pens that Glen Oaks had showed us and that we would engrave with words of Wheeling Historical Society and date. Dana Benjamin second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

John Koeppen stated that through our Police Chief we had an offer of having a Burglar Alarm System installed free of charge.

The Invitations were brought in by Charles Mihalek.

Surely Koeppen mentioned an outdoor Plaque with inscription of when the building was built and serve as an outdoor Historical Marker on the front of the Museum. She said a size of (12x20) could be had for the cost of (\$80.00) from the Duo Sign Company of Wheeling. The Motion Carried to purchase this.

Surely made a Motion to purchase this outdoor Marker for the cost of (\$80.00). Glen Oaks second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Mention of an Historical Marker also for the street on Milwaukee Avenue. Fred Moeller said that the Bradley Yards of the State would probably take care of this.

Surely announced that we would need (2) Camera Men for the Day and anyone interested could do this if knowing anything about picture taking.

John Koeppen said that beginning of next week he would be in the Hall starting Tuesday night; Wednesday and Thursday at 7 P. M. and anyone interested could help.

Surely Koeppen also brought the attention of the Old Fire Draping on the Old Pumper. She had a Catalogue for Bunting of red, white and blue for the outside Draping on the Sign and the cost of this would be around (\$30.00) and be made up with pull downs and measuring (6x6 foot) for one Decoration. That the Gold Roping could be had for a price of (\$7.50) for (30) feet.

Fred Moeller made a Motion to get the (6x6) outside Bunting for Decoration. Ethel Wieder second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Surely Koeppen said that we would need (two) Camera Men for the Picture taking that these would be still pictures and anyone interested who knows how to take pictures could.

The Stands would be left up to Glen Oaks to take care of. The Ropes could be Draped around the Old Fire Pumper.

Merl Willis said he had talked to the Fire Insurance Agent and that he would later give the estimate cost of Insurance for Complete Fire, Theft and also advised us to burn a light all night.

Also Comment about Fan in the wash-room by Dana Benjamin.

The Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

*Donath G. F. F.*  
secretary

Minutes of

THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday Evening October 9th, 1968

Place: The Museum Hall - 84 So Milwaukee Ave

The Vice-President Julius Benjamin called the meeting to order at 8 P. M. with (11) members present.

The Minutes were dispensed with as the time was allotted for more plans of finishing touches for the Dedication.

The Ex-Mayor's pictures were discussed as to the enlargement of photographs such as the First Mayor:

Henry Boehmer	- deceased
Jacob Schwingel	"
George Sicks	"
Lew Holtje	"
Julius Meinken	"
Arthur Ortegell	"
Edward Gieseke	"
Schmidt, Hans	
McIntyre	

and that Surely Koeppen will take care of contacting the relatives and those still with us for these pictures.

Al Rosi will inquire about a Cake which The Jewel Companies Stores usually contribute to such affairs as this and also ask for the Sesquicentennial Decoration on this Cake.

That Drieske Floral Shop be contacted by La Vergne Oaks for Potted Plants or Palm Decorations of flowers.

That the Men who will act as Honor Guards are as follows:  
Mr. Peterson  
Mr. Panticuara - both of Wheeling American Legion

That the Deadline for listing and Tickets for Dinner be the 16th of this month.

Discussion followed about Stand and Guest Book; The Pateon and Electron and where to get them from.

Dana Benjamin made a Motion to purchase the Fabric Case Lining from Dazion of the Loop in Chicago for lining the Display Cases. Al Rosi second the Motion. The Motion Carried.

Al Rosi would contact Edwards Clothing Store for Manikens to Loan.

That the Frames be purchased from The Wheeling Paint and Glass Store of south Milwaukee Avenue as they are close to pick up.

Ethel Wieder made a Motion to adjourn. Al Rosi second the Motion. The Motion Carried. The Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

*Deatha Fork*  
secretary



Minutes of

The Wheeling Historical Society Meeting  
Wednesday Evening October 16th, 1968  
Place: The Museum Hall - 84 south Milwaukee Avenue

The Meeting was called to order by the Vice-President;  
Julius Benjamin at 8 P. M. with (seven) members present.

Mention came about Pictures of Ex-Mayors of the Village.  
Surely Koeppen said that she had contacted wives and relatives of  
the Ex-Officials and had good co-operation.

John Koeppen the President had a scheduled planned for the  
Members before the Dedication Services for them to be present at  
5:45 P. M. the night of the Pre-view Dinner and also for them to be  
present around 12 O'clock on Sunday before the Serviss.

Dana Benjamin made a motion to add an amendment to the prev-  
ious October 2nd of asking for picture takers or photographers for the  
Dedication Day. That we pay for the Film that would be used. Lucile  
Schneider second the Motion. The Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: A Letter from a school student inquiring  
about information of President Lincoln. It was suggested to reply  
to the student Debbie Grissby of 141 Mockingbird Lane, Wheeling  
informing her that we are not ready with all our set up as yet and  
to try to look this up in The Wheeling Liabrary.

Al Rosi made a Motion to have some one such as a Member of  
the Board of Directors sign for the receipt of Loan or Donation in  
leu of the Curator and also include on this receipt the specified  
valuation of the Item as appraised by the Donor. Glen Oaks second  
this Motion. The Motion Carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P. M.

*Shirley Zabo*  
secretary

Minutes of

The Wheeling Historical Society Meeting  
Wednesday Evening October 23, 1968  
Place: The Museum Hall - 84 south Milwaukee Avenue

The Meeting was called to order by John Koeppen with (9) members present.

The Treasurer reported a balance of (\$1400.00) on account. She also stated that she had a Statement of Expenditures and receipts with (2) copies of each of the financial reports ending for the fiscal year of August 31st.

John Koeppen the President said he is thinking of Special Displays for the Museum and changing them every (three) months. That a (2) door Cabinet would be needed for files. That he would like to see an enlarged Picture of Captain Wright whose monument is located about two miles north on Milwaukee Avenue, of Wheeling. And also the History of Clybourn Park for the Library located nearby this site. That he would check with an attorney for information about selling items on the property such as the gold pens which we have left over from the Dedication. That he would see that Formal Cards for the Notice of Meetings would be available for the secretary to send out to ease the work of much writing for her.

The Used Tape-recorder which Peter Lutgen had donated to us has been repaired by Surely Koeppen's Father and he has put this in perfect condition for use. Many thanks to your Father Surely for this good deed.

The President John Koeppen asked that letters be sent to the following people for their time and contribution of services at our Dedication:

The Union Hotel for the use of the (P. A. ) System for the Services.

The Wheeling High School Principal Tom Shirley to thank also Mr. De Poy and "The Wheeling High School Band" for it's very fine contribution to the Special Event. Also not to forget the thank you for the stages loaned to us.

The Certified Burglar Alarm Systems of Chicago and in care

for the Photo and Coverage.

The Sun Times of Chicago for Photos and Publicity.

The Chicago Tribune for Publication and Coverage.

The Wheeling Independent for Publication and Coverage.

The Wheeling Police Chief for his aid in securing the Burglar Alarm System.

Glen Oaks suggested that we have also a Card made up special for the "Notes of Appreciation".

Merl Willis announced that Wheeling Township have a Township Government Information Book for distribution at a cost of (\$1.00) per copy. It was suggested to order (five) of these.

John Koeppen announced that the next meeting night would be the third Wednesday November 20th on account of the coming Holiday of Thanksgiving falling on the fourth of the month.

That the December third Wednesday evening would fall on the 18th and that Surely and He have planned to invite the Society to their Home for a Christmas Dinner Party and the Meeting.

Correspondence received from the following:

Charles Percy (State Senator) expressing his regrets being unable to attend our Dedication.

Regrets from George McCabe (Democratic Committeeman of Arlington Heights also with explanation for not being able to attend.

Congressman Donald Rmsfeld State Representative also with his regrets for not attending.

The Governor Sam Shapirio his regrets also for not being able to attend.

Lieutenant General Commander McCallis and wife of Fort Sheridan with regrets.

Dave Regner State Representative his regrets also.