



Heritage Happenings

Lest We Forget...



Heritage Happenings June issue left off with Theresa moving into the Roemer house in Manitowoc. The next day she started teaching. The Manitowoc Pilot printed a small article that read: “*A Catholic school, known as “St. Boniface,” and which is being taught by “Sisters”, was opened in this place on the 3d Inst, in Roemer’s building, south side. Instruction is given in the usual branches and is both in English and German language.*” She has been teaching all summer but will finish end of September. Mary Ann Graf finished school in Milwaukee in August and has returned to Clarks Mills. Rosa Wahl is still in Milwaukee studying under the tutelage of Mother Caroline, probably also getting ready for the new religious community that is forming. Theresa continues briefly.



“As Father Joseph moved to Manitowoc (1868), our little community did not want to stay at Clarks Mills. Father Joseph went yet fro and back that summer till the both places had an attending priest. His Brother Charley accompanied him mostly every time. His brother, Antony, did the hauling of timber and wood that had been got for a building at Clarks Mills. That Fall and Winter was hard on him, the cow and sheep must not be forgotten.”



On September 8, 1868 a celebration must have been held at this “Little Shanty” in Clarks Mills. A year ago this date Rosa Wahl, Josepha Thoenie and Mary Ann Graf decided to join Theresa rather than go to Minnesota. They have been living together, when all are home and not teaching or going to school, for a year.



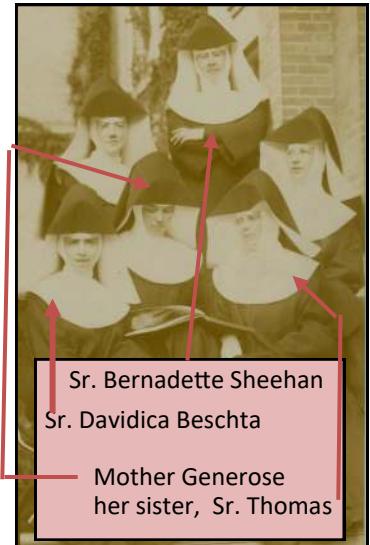
In the January 2018 issue of Heritage Happenings, relics in the archives were featured. 138 of the 163 archived relics have documents of proof. I’ve wondered where all these relics could possibly have come from. Who did they belong to and why. A news paper article from February 1973 described contents of the hospital cornerstone. Many relics were found in the copper box of the cornerstone. The article described the membership of the Sisters in the early days (1870’s) and the coming of the German Sisters. It states: *It is believed that the Sisters brought with them relics from the German villages in which they lived.*” Inside the box was also a thrice-folded document. It was written in Latin script and translated. One paragraph reads: “On this 22nd day of September in the year of our Lord, 1898, Frederick Xavier Katzer, archbishop of Milwaukee, solemnly placed this cornerstone of Holy Family Hospital of the City of Manitowoc, to be erected by the Sisters of Alverno, Manitowoc County, Manitowoc, WI.” Most likely relics in the archives along with several other Heritage items were brought over by the German Sisters. This month, on September 22, celebrate the placement of this cornerstone 120 years ago in 1898. Heritage items: Wicker trunk packed by German Sisters. Mother of Sorrows from by Mother Pancratia.





Right-Mother Agna
- 1912 Novice

Evaluation of the hundreds of photos in the archives has become almost obsessive but most interesting. The archives collection of old postcards is getting bigger. Did you know...the first postcard was sent May 12, 1873. The back of the card was for address only and front for a written message. REAL Photo Postcards originated between 1901-1907. These are actual photographs produced using the Kodiak "postcard camera." This camera could take a picture and then print a postcard-size negative of the picture, complete with a divided back and place for postage. Presently there are 25 cards in our collection dating from 1911 to 1925. Now here are some samples.



For better viewing, see post-cards in Heritage Display Room

Our photo collection also shows changes over the years. How many can you identify using these photos and walking outside!!

