



Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead

2021 Annual Report



TO COLLECT, PRESERVE AND INTERPRET

THE HISTORY OF CARVER COUNTY

The Carver County Historical Society is a private, not-for-profit 501(C)3 organization serving the residents of Carver County and beyond. We are located across the street from Bayview Elementary School in downtown Waconia. We have five affiliate groups: Chaska Historical Society, Chanhassen Historical Society, Willkommen Heritage and Preservation Society of Norwood Young America, the Watertown Area Historical Society and the Waconia Heritage Association. In 2021, it celebrated its 81st anniversary. The Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead was added in 2015.

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A Message from the President

The year 2021 was a very challenging period for the Carver County Historical Society! Wendy and her staff had many challenges throughout the year and still made a success of 2021!

For most of 2020 and the beginning of 2021, the CCHS was forced to shut down, due to Covid. They made the best of it with help from CARES funding, which was used to install motion sensor lighting, toilets and sinks, and to provide computers and docking stations, which enabled the staff to work from home, to keep things going.

During 2021, long time genealogist and researcher Marilyn Braun retired, and our educator moved on to bigger and better things. The educator/exhibits coordinator position was filled by Jayna Hulleman. With a whole life's worth of Carver County genealogy knowledge Marilyn is a little harder to replace. We will continue to look, but it will take someone special.

The Historical Andrew Peterson Farm continued to be a focus of attention for the Society, as Wendy, along with the Board of Directors and Fundraising Committee, emphasized the fund drive for the restoration of the house. The Fundraising Committee held many planning meetings throughout the year and ended up conducting a successful fundraising event at the farm in October. We had well over 100 people attend, with a silent auction, a wine pull, and good food and music! With this event, along with many other fundraising efforts, the Society has raised \$320,000 of the \$500,000 needed to be awarded the Jeffris campaign grant. This was a perfect opportunity for people to see the vision for the farm and what it has to offer.

Other successful events at the farm included a Civil War re-enactment and a vintage baseball game, which attracted 300 attendees! The baseball game especially was welcomed by new visitors and certainly slowed down traffic on Highway 5 for several hours.

The year 2021 had its challenges and setbacks due to Covid, but the CCHS finished the year with many successes and accomplishments which we are proud of.

As we enter 2022, we will continue to improve the CCHS organization, continue to strive to meet our fundraising goal, and continue to educate our community about our local history!

Sincerely,

Dan Lund



2021 in Review

What a year. Where does one start? I think most people can relate to that, in some context or another. Covid has affected us all even if you have been lucky enough not to catch it.

Here at the museum, I look back and while we have experienced some negatives, we have also been very lucky. Generally, I am an optimist, so let's take a look at some of the areas we have been blessed, before we look at some of the negatives experienced due to Covid.

Like many businesses, we were required to shut our doors for most of 2020 and a big chunk of 2021. This caused us to look for new ways to present programming and work remotely. It provided us the opportunity to install motion sensor museum lighting and bathrooms. All things that had been on my wish list for years. Covid just forced the issue to the forefront. Enter CARES, a program providing funds to accomplish the exact things we needed, to continue to operate. We received \$20,000 which we used to install the motion sensor lighting and bathroom fixtures. We purchased docking stations and computers enabling our staff to work from home. This has been a saving grace for programming and for staff while the CCHS was shut down and during questionable weather. The ability to work from home even allowed us to remove the snow day from our employee manual.

We began the Jeffris Family Foundation challenge campaign in July of 2019. That was six months before Covid hit and foundations changed their giving strategy to focus on food shelves. As you can image, raising funds during the current environment became even more difficult than normal. By the end of 2021, we had raised \$320,000 of the \$500,000 needed to receive the additional \$250,000 from the Jeffris Foundation. The drive ends on June 30, 2022. We still are working to hit our goal and hope to do so, but if you have considered donating, now is the time to do so. The Waconia Carver West Rotary is hosting their Gourmet Wine Dinner on April 7th. They have committed 25% of the net proceeds to the Peterson Farm project. If you would like tickets give me a call.

In August, our Educator moved onto bigger and better things. There ensued a four month search for a new Education and Exhibits Coordinator. Visit the Educator page to meet Jayna. She joined us the end of December, 2021. We are very excited and feel blessed to have her on board.

No sooner had we found Jayna, than Marilyn Braun, our genealogist/researcher let us know that she was retiring. Marilyn will be sorely missed by all of us. I liked to tease her that she was related to everyone in the County. Maybe not everyone, but pretty close. While officially retired, she will continue to work 5 hours a week, while we look for her replacement.

In 2022, you will begin to see construction work on the Peterson Farm house. Specifically, the metal roof will be replaced with wood singles and the enclosed porches removed and historically accurate porches constructed. After that, we will be restoring the windows to their original appearance and removing the old exterior paint and repainting.

On a personal note, I lost my father in April. He was 90 and lived a long, good life. He will be sorely missed, but he is in a better place. This year also marks my 15th year as the Executive Director. Where does the time go?

Wishing you all the best in 2022.

Wendy Petersen Biorn



Where has this year gone!!! Somehow 2021 just ‘zoomed’ by. I suspect that is because I am still learning my job. Even though I’ve been here for two years now, the challenges of Covid-19 kept me out of the office for most of 2020, so 2021 has been another learning year for me. I had no idea how much there was to learn when I started this job in January 2020. Wendy told me it would take a good year to learn it and she was so right about that. I suspect it will take another year before I feel completely comfortable with all here is to do.

In the accounting area of my job, the CCHS moved to the online platform to process our payroll. This allows for immediate access to reports we use to record the payroll in our accounting software. We have access to W2s and year end reports more quickly as well. We have also worked to move as many of our Accounts Payable vendors to online electronic payment as possible. This reduces time needed to cut checks and reduces our costs for mailing. Membership renewal payments increased in 2021 increasing our revenue in this area over 2020.

In the summer, I had the opportunity to be a part of the preparation for the Carver County Fair. I learned how to set up the ‘tent’, what goes into the preparation of our space at the Fairgrounds, and I had a chance to visit the granary. It was very interesting and educational for me. The CCHS also hosted an ‘old time baseball game’ at the Andrew Peterson Farm this year. Learning how to help prepare for and record income and expenses for these events was educational as well.

During autumn we hosted a Fall Fun(d)raiser on the Farm, a fundraiser for the Peterson Farm restoration project. This was another learning opportunity for me. There was a silent auction, a wine pull, and other fun events during this fundraiser. These are things I had never been a part of before and it was interesting to learn about.

As winter approached, we started preparations for the Annual Fund Drive and the continuation of the Jeffris Foundation Campaign. These projects went more smoothly this year since I had been a part of them last year. I had the benefit of Wendy’s knowledge of how to most efficiently and accurately record them and get the proper thank you letters out to our generous donors.

Now it’s time to get all the year-end accounting recorded and the new year started. I’m always excited to see how all the numbers come together and how we will prepare for the coming year.

Happy New Year to all. Come visit us soon and often!

A special thanks, to our affiliate organizations. These all volunteer organizations are all volunteer and do tremendous work!!

Watertown Area Historical Society, Chanhassen Historical Society, Chaska History Center, Norwood-Young America Willkommen Heritage Center NYA, and the Waconia Heritage Society.

Education and Exhibits Coordinator



My name is Jayna Hulleman, the new Education and Exhibits Coordinator for the Carver County Historical Society. I began just before the New Year so while I'm certain I haven't had the chance to meet many of those who frequent the historical society, please know that I am looking forward to it. Please forgive the nerves while I adjust into my new role however, as sometimes they equal my excitement for this new start.

I have always had a fascination with history, and like many I've caught my fair share of History channel specials on Ancient Egypt and devoured books on any ancient culture I could get my hands on. As you get to know me, you may find the word 'ancient' starts to become a pattern – there are some days I think that I was one step from heading down the path of archaeologist rather than into museum work. Instead of the classics degree my college would have given me for that, I left Carthage College in Kenosha, WI with a history degree in 2013 – my double major with Japanese at that point being a happy coincidence of requirements and a thesis that was already about Japan. But the truth of it is, that may be exactly how I ended up here.

I had studied abroad in Japan during college, and the added experience with the language gave me the idea that maybe I would step away from my history degree and take up translation as a career. One failed attempt to join a master's program for exactly that put me on the path of returning to Japan. Some of you may be familiar with the JET program, which sends native English speakers to Japan to help teach English in schools, from preschool all the way up to high school. In my case, I spent three years teaching and explaining complicated and awkward English grammar to kids from first grade all the way up to ninth. As that chapter of my life closed, all the chances I had had to travel to museums and historical sites in Japan reignited my love of history and pushed me toward museums. A year after I returned, I started the Western Illinois University Museum Studies program, which I graduated from in May 2021.

I am so very excited to delve back into my experience teaching kids and to work with the schools in Carver County. Learning Carver County history alongside them will be a pleasure for sure. I am just as excited to join the efforts to restore and utilize the historic Andrew Peterson farm. This unique piece of local history has more potential than I have space to write. The opportunities in front of me are endless, and I am looking forward to meeting every one of them head on.

At right: The Quick Steps in action. They will be returning due to popular demand, in August, 2022.





The past year has been another busy year of seemingly never-ending work in the CCHS collections. Since our switch from PastPerfect to Proficio Elements over a year ago, the new software has been working wonderfully. Our success with the new system has even made CCHS a local resource for other Minnesota historical societies considering their own switch in software. Some residual tasks remain from the switch, such as uploading and attaching item photographs from the collection inventory, as well as fine tuning the search phrases for individuals, locations, businesses, etc. in order to make searches in our photograph portal more effective. For example, combining the thirty plus variations of search terms for the Thomas J. Burfield photo studio of Waconia & Norwood into one or two search terms. Doing this will help eliminate the chances of images being missed during a search due to a slight difference in the terms being used.

While all the above tasks were worked on, the CCHS collection continued to receive donations. During 2021, the collection was offered items from 69 individual donors. Those sixty-eight donations accounted for a total of 1,081 individual items (50 3D objects; 105 archival items; 903 photographs; 23 library items). As always, not everything could be accepted. Of the sixty-eight donations offered, thirty-three were accepted either partially or in full, adding 417 items to the collection.

While the number of donations accepted stayed the same from 2020, the number of items accepted as part of those donations went up considerably due to several donations being quite large. The four largest donations accounted for 75% of the items accepted to the collection during the year. Those donations included: 108 confirmation class photos from East Union Lutheran Church; 36 documents pertaining to Joella Nord (rural Carver/East Union); 44 photographs pertaining to the Molnau & Hilk families; 104 wedding photos of Chaska families from the former Logger’s Photography, Shakopee.

The four donations above were some of the highlighted donations of 2021. Another (physically) sizeable donation was the “Break’s Over” sculpture commissioned by Dan Klein for the former Klein Bank offices on Audubon Road, Chaska. The sculpture was donated by Old National Bank, along with portraits of Charles H. & Christian P. Klein. Big or small, each of the donations made to the CCHS collection in 2021 has enriched the stories we seek to preserve and share.

In Pursuit of the Past,
Jeremy Murray

<i>Number of Items Accepted (By Category)</i>		
	2020	2021
<i>3D Objects</i>	14	18
<i>Archive</i>	177	73
<i>Photographs</i>	91	322
<i>Library</i>	2	4
<i>Total</i>	284	417



Researcher's Report



I feel like we've had another "Covid" year... complete with new variances to keep us on our toes.

Throughout 2021, we have averaged a total of 12 volunteers. Two had moved, one to a full time job, the other to be closer to family. Two others have joined us so we are status quo.

As in 2020, eight of our volunteers have worked from home. I'm grateful I no longer need to make up "packets" for each one, as I did when we were on lockdown. Each is now responsible for his or her own project. Most of them have also done portions of their current task on-site. (Example: One can't look up newspaper articles from their home.)

The four remaining volunteers have done their various tasks on-site. Two do research projects for clients. One of these also looks up old data that doesn't appear to be correct on previously written file cards. Corrections are then made in our data base by the other researcher. One person cares for the outdoor garden in the front of the Historical Society. Another assists with matching up missing marriage cards so each partner has his or her own card.

Often an individual has 8 or more cards for their obituary. We compile them onto one card and eliminate exact duplicates.

Baby cards also need corrections or additions, either the baby or the parents may have a card but not the other. We make cards where one is missing, so each will have a card for that birth. We estimate that we have completed and filed over 8,000 of the new and the refurbished cards, just this year alone. This is the first year we've tried to take a count on this task. Clients have noted a difference when searching our website. I feel that this was definitely a project worth taking on.

All of the volunteers have helped to file any new cards that get indexed from newspaper articles as well as the many that have needed corrections.

I have to honestly say it has been a very hard year to stay ahead of research projects when I, as well as several of our volunteers, have been working from home.

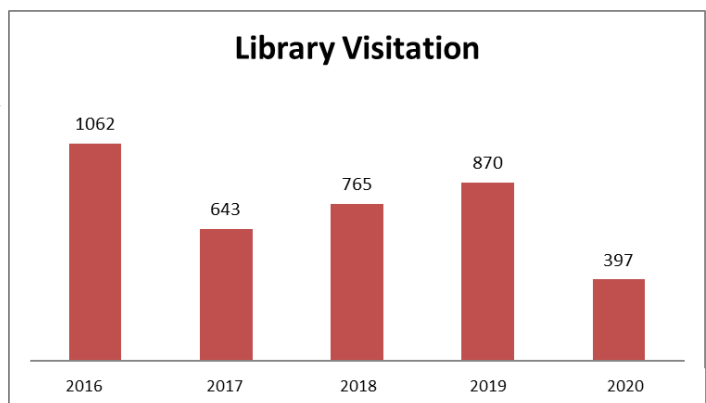
I can't say enough good things about our volunteers. The CCHS has been blessed with a very dedicated group, each takes their task seriously and they do it well.

Many of you know that I recently resigned for health reasons, but have agreed to stay on until a replacement for the CCHS

Library has been found.

Regardless, I won't be a stranger at the CCHS. When feasible, I plan to come in to do research on my own family histories.

Marilyn A. Braun



Thank you Volunteers!

Volunteer Appreciation

Volunteer of the Year

Cindy Shatek — 545 hours

1-50 Hours

Judy Aarness, *Library*
Denise Bryan, *Library*
Ian Milles, *Library*
Dorene Murphy, *Library*
Daniel Scharfenberg, *Youth Camps*
Ann Soderstrom,, *Library*
Alex Glassman, *Library*
Stephanie Robinson, *Collections*
Cynthia Rice, *Library*

51-99 Hours

Lowell Dammann, *Library*
Delora Wallner, *Library*

101-199 Hours

Liam Gunderson, *Library*
Elaine Wischnack, *Library*

200-300 Hours

Jerry Wolfe, *Library*

300+ Hours

Cindy Shatek, *Library*

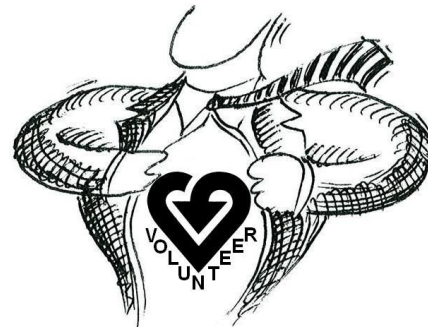
SPECIAL THANKS TO THE 2021

BOARD of DIRECTORS

Dan Lund, *President*
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John Fahey, *County Liaison*
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Lin Deardorff
Bryce Johnson
Dean Hilgers
Patti Dietzel
Mark Willems

Total 2021 VOLUNTEER HOURS

2021 Total	1,490.50
2020 Total	2,846
2019 Total	2,747.15
2018 Total	2138.50

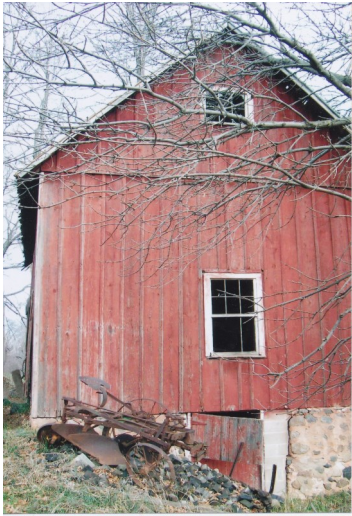


The Carver County Historical Society cannot thank our volunteers enough for their continued support during these challenging times—both at the building and from their own homes.

Carver County Historical Society
Balance Sheet

ASSETS	Total
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
101 Building Fund	12,158.31
102 Museum Collection Fund	3,359.97
105 Thrivent Financial	78,760.25
107 MidCountry - Operating Account	120,166.53
201 Home Town- Jeffris Challenge fund	168,596.97
	383,042.03
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 383,042.03
Accounts Receivable	0.00
	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	0.00
Other Current Assets	
12100 Inventory Asset	630.96
Total Other Current Assets	630.96
	630.96
Total Current Assets	\$ 383,672.99
Fixed Assets	
14000 Peterson Farm	345,300.00
15000 Furniture and Equipment	40,202.17
15001 ScanPro2000	10,604.34
Total 15000 Furniture and Equipment	50,806.51
15050 Exhibits	19,789.50
15900 Leasehold Improvements	255,628.92
17100 Accumulated Depreciation	-115,059.58
	556,465.35
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 556,465.35
Other Assets	
10900 Endowment Fund Investment	181,805.00
10905 Gain (Loss) on Endowment Fund	28,102.00
	209,907.00
Total Other Assets	\$ 209,907.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,150,045.34
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	0.00
Other Current Liabilities	
24100 Accrued Leave and Payroll	7,736.28
24900 Damage Deposit A. P. Farm	760.00
25500 Sales Tax Payable	51.67
	51.67
Total Sales Tax Payable	51.67
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,787.95
Total Current Liabilities	7,787.95
Total Liabilities	7,787.95
Equity	
30000 Opening Bal Equity	-3.78
31300 Perm. Restricted Net Assets- endowment	209,907.00
31500 Temp. Restricted Net Assets-Jeffris/collections/ building bank accounts	184,115.25
32000 Unrestricted Net Assets farm/operations account	589,681.70
35200 Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	37,870.68
Net Income	120,686.54
	1,142,257.39
Total Equity	\$ 1,142,257.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,150,045.34

2021 Statement of Financial Position- unaudited



Historic Andrew Peterson Farmstead

On July 1, 2019, the CCHS entered into an agreement with the Jeffris Family Foundation. If the CCHS was able to raise \$500,000 in three years, the Jeffris Foundation would donate an additional \$250,000. It is an all or nothing deal. The funds must first be used to rehabilitate the Andrew Peterson farmhouse following the construction drawings being completed by Miller Dunwiddie. Once the house is complete, any funds left may be used for rehabilitation on the granary and/or the south barn.

The project seems straight forward enough, and at the end of 2019 we had raised \$177,000. Then Covid hit. Many of the Foundations we had expected would give to us, changed their focus to food shelves and other Covid related needs.

The GiveMN events have been a positive. In 2020, a donor offered to match donations up to a total of \$5,000. We were able to exceed the \$5,000, winning the additional \$5,000 amount. By the end of 2020, we had raised just over \$225,900. In 2021, during GiveMN, the same donor offered the same match but only after an initial \$5000 was raised. Once again, we rallied and exceeded the goal. This time we ended the year at \$320,000.



We hosted our first Fun(d)raiser at the Farm. With a lot of work from our wonderful Fundraising Committee we used the upper level of the Middle Barn to host our event. Over 120 people came and we raised \$12,644. At left, Traveled Ground plays for the event.

While all of this sounds amazing, we only have five months to raise the additional \$180,000 needed to receive the additional \$250,000 from the Jeffris Family Foundation. Being an eternal optimist,

I believe we will still reach our goal, but if you have thought about donating, now is the time to do it.

This summer we will begin work on the Peterson Farmhouse. The exterior of the house will see some changes. The metal roof will be replaced with wood singles. The modern porches will be replaced with replicas of those in the 1885 photo, the windows will be restored, and the house repainted.

At right is the donor tree for the Peterson Farm. If you would like more information about how you can add your name to the tree, contact Wendy at the CCHS. 952-442-4234.





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