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History of Osceola Township: Waucousta Businesses and Churches

Osceola Township

Thirteen miles from Fond du Lac, in a southeast direction lies the Town of Osceola, so named by the great Chief of the Floridas. The town is made up of a combination of woodland oak openings and prairie. The timber portion of the town abounds in beech, basswood, oak, maple, hickory, and cherry, which furnish a vast quantity of excellent timber for all purposes. The soil is composed of lime marl, very deep, with a subsoil of mixed gravel sand and clay. The town is generally well watered with springs and small streams that pass through many large lowland marshes.

1845

The first settlement in the town was made by Washington Noble.

James Farra- The E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and 30 acres of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 19 consisting of 110 acres.

Peter Radliff- NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 19

1846

H. R. Longstreet- The S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 20
Superintendent of Public Schools.

Joseph Cavanaugh- E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 10

William Michell- The E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 8 purchased from the Green Bay Office of the U.S. Government on June 7th 1847

John Graham- The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 9

Captain Silas Allen- Purchased SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30 of the Town of Osceola

William Oliver-

Rev James W Whitney-The first minister of the Township of the Township of Osceola.

John Beason- Built the first saw mill and the next year added on the flouring mill in section 30.

The first birth in the town was in the family of Mr. William Oliver in 1847. The first death was the wife of Mr. Noble in 1849.

The first marriage was Mr. Washington Noble to Miss Ellen Airhart [Spelling of last name difficult to interpret].

The first school was taught in the north east part of the township in 1849 in a log school which later was called Edgewood School number 6.

Osceola was originally a part of the Township of Eden In 1851 it was left off and organized as a separate township.

The first elected officer at the April election in 1851 were

Rev. John W. Whiting – Chairman of the Board

William Mitchell – Town Clerk

Leander Mayhew – Town Treasurer

U. R. Longstred – Superintendent of Schools

The Lakes of the Township of Osceola

Long Lake- Location in section 13-14-15 and the area of the lake is 427 acres and with a depth of 47'

Tilles Lake[Spelling difficult to determine] – Location is in section 13 and the area of the lake is 17 acres and a depth of 26'

Spruce Lake- Location in section 22-23 it has an area of 32 acres and a depth 3' to 4'

Little Cedar – Location in section 23-26 it has an area of 19 acres and a depth of 17'

Kettle Moraine Lake – Which its past name was Round lake is located in section 27 and with an area of 240 acres and a depth of 30'

Big Mud – Its location is in section –21-27-28 and has an area of 56 acres and a depth of 16'

Waucousta Mill Pond – Location was in section 29 & 30 its area was about 22 acres and with a depth of 8' at the dam

Long Lake Mill Pond – Location is in section 25 and its area is about 25 acres and is about 7' deep.

Birchwood Lake – Location off of State highway 67 (in section 26&27&35) north onto Birchwood Drive. The development was made by Raymond O Ramthum in 1959 the lake is approximately 18 acres and a depth of 5' The land consists of about 88 acres.

The Plats of the Lakes of Osceola

In section 13-24
A. L. Newton Resort
Long Lake plat of lots from 1 to 10
Registered July 19th 1918
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On State Highway 67 North of Dundee

In section 27
Antone Seifert [Spelling of last name hard to determine]
Plat of Kettle Moraine Lake
It was registered on November 13 1924
First St 5 Lots Second St 5 Lots
Lake St 5 Lots Third St 10 lots

In Section 27
John Ramthum
Plat of the Kettle Moraine Lake
It was registered on March 18th 1927
Block 1 -5 Lots Block 2 -5 Lots
Block 3 -4 Lots Block 4 -5 Lots
Location on County Trunk F on north side of lake

In section 27
August Kruegers plot of Kettle Moraine Lake
The plat was registered on December 28th 1933
The lots are from 1 to 132 – Vol 9 – P.5.
Location on County Trunk F on west side of lake

In Section 13
Ripples Long Lake Haven
Recorded February 4th 1931 in Volume1-B- Page -2
Location on the north east side of Long Lake at the end of County Line Road.

Officers of the Town from 1880 Illustrated of F.D.C.

William Keys Sect 17&18 was acting chairman & supervisor for many years

Thomas McGrath in Sect 11 was acting supervisor for many years

David Twohig in Sect 1 was Supervisor and assessor for 4 years.

J. H. Polgean [spelling not clear] Blacksmith at Waucousta

The Early Settlers & Business Places of Waucousta

A. M. Green came from Vermont in 1866 and purchased 240 acres of William Thonibine [spelling not clear] farm in Section 30 and established a saw mill.

Henry F Sackett N 1/2 of the NW ¼ of section 29

Herman Bartelt – Wagon Shop

Oscar Bartelt cheese factory of Waucousta

G. H. Yapp Came from England in 1854 and settled on the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of section 30 and 28 acres of section 19. He built his carriage manufacturing shop and also was a sign painter.

Carl Peiper & Alice & Florance Peiper of Waucousta

John Forsythe purchased farm in 1854 on 255 acres in Section 9. The farm in on highway F. He was a mill wright at the grist mill of John Beson and was Postmaster fro a number of years after Trent Ledge closed his store which was on his land.

The Postmasters of Waucousta & Osceola

Trent Ledge & Idling became merchants in Waucousta after coming from Germany in 1860

Mr. F. Beason built a saw mill in 1847 and a grist mill in 1848. The remains of the dam can still be seen today on the left side of Highway 45 coming into Waucousta. He was postal clerk until Trent Ledge & Idling came in 1860

C. W. Prescott was the first elected Postmaster in the township of Osceola and held that port until 1882. He owned all of 20 acres of the SE ¼ of section 9 Which is at the junction of County Trunk B&H.

Frederick Buslaff Sr. purchased part of the mill from Fred Beason after coming from Russia in 1856

Frederick Buslaff Jr. was a blacksmith in Waucousta

William Crosby established first cheese factory at Waucousta in 1877.

L. A. Terry [spelling difficult to determine] – Store & Saloon

J. W. Polzean – Blacksmith & Wagon Manufacture

The Waucousta Lutheran Church of Peace 40th Anniversary

Speakers

The Rev Grene [possibly Gnene] of Gordan Minnesota and the Rev Schlueter of Oshkosh. The Rev Waltin Stropchein [spelling very difficult to read] is the present Pastor. Services were conducted at 10 AM and the Rev Grene formerly of Kewaskum delivered the German Sermon. At 2:30 in the afternoon Rev Schlueter [spelling?] of Oshkosh conducted the service.

The peace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Waucousta

The first two years the services where conducted in the local public school number 8 in section 29 and the land was purchased by school board from Trent Ledge & Iding. Later the workshop of Herman Bartelt which manufactured wagons.

In the fall of 1890 it was agreed upon by the parish peers to erect a church building. After the parish became incorporated in 1891 the committee purchased a parcel of land 50' by 100' from Robert Raehling upon which the building was to be erected. The H. D. Deed was given for \$1.00 to the parish on the 30th of August 1891 the church was dedicated . The pastor who spoke at the service was Vice President B. Sierns [spelling hard to determine] of Milwaukee.

The Rev Kuith of Howards Grove, Sheboygan County. The present pastor was the Rev Praemer [spelling difficult to determine]. The trustees of the church were August Hacks, Herman Bartelt and William Hornberg.

Baptismals	182
Confirmations	20
Marriages	27
Funerals	29
Communions	3454

The following pastors have served the congregation

Rev Schilling

Rev Braencer [spelling?]

Rev Matzkus

Rev Carl Appler

Rev Walter Stnachein

Rev Kahrs

Rev Norbert Mielke

The description of the Waucousta Lutheran Peace Shurch was in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 20

The Waucousta Evangelican German Lutheran Church

[Similar to the above but not identical]

Location; In the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of section 20 of the Township of Osceola
It was dedicated on the 30th of August 1891. The church was constructed of wood frame and the cemetery and foundation of the church are on the east side of Highway 45 about a quarter of a mile north of Waucousta. After the church was incorporated in 1890 Robert Roehling donated a tract of land 50' by 100' upon which the church was built.

Anniversary of 40th year in 1931

The speakers were Rev Grene of Gordan, Minn and Rev Schulter [spelling?] of Oshkosh. The services were conducted at 10 A.M. and Rev Grene formerly of Kewaskum delivered the German Sermon. At 2:30 in the afternoon Rev Schlueter [spelling?] of Oshkosh conducted the services. The first two years services were conducted in the public school house district No. 1 at Waucousta, and then at Herman Bartelt wagon shop at the northeast corner of highway 45 and County highway F. Today [Date- 1980] it is the location of Marges [spelling?] Implement Co.

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John R Shea Garage & Implement Co.

Started May 1st 1938

He owns the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ and the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of section 3 consisting of 80 acres 20 acres of Section 2. 25.4 acres of NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of sect. 2 and the home and buildings are on this land. It is north of County highway B and west of Church Road.

J. F. Scannell at Mitchell on County Trunk B. The Dennis Daly factory was purchased and moved across the road on County Trunk B on the Helsch [spelling] farms of today. They operated the cheese factory for many years until-

Kettle Moraine Gift House

2 ½ miles north of Dundee on the west side of Long Lake past State highway 67.

Garden of Jewels

On Long Lake the owner Lawrence Schram [spelling] on state highway 67.

The Changes Garage

The Changes Garage [[Marges Sr] inserted by Mr. Reese above the words Changes Garage] at Waucousta established after purchasing the home and wagon shop of Henry Bartelt from Carl Peiper in 1923 after learning the Adoulf Flitter barn garage which he operated a few years in Campbellsport. .

Location:

The NE Corner of the junction of U.S. highway 45 and County Highway F going east in Waucousta. Over a period of years he built up a farm implement and repair shop of Oliver Tractors and other farm equipment. He operated the business for 40 years and then retired. His son Howard Marges took over t he business in 1963 and developed a large storage and equipment building and moved the house for outside display of the new White tractors and equipment for farmers. The garage is used for repair of all the equipment. Howard is still operating the business as of Nov 1978.

Shfond Oil Co & Gas Cons Inc

They Purchased land from William Wachs for there bulk gas tank and oil tank station in 1960 after it was on south Railroad ST in Campbellsport for 2 years. The oil business was established at Waucousta in 1951. They purchased the 39.5 acres of land from [blank space] for there gas storage tanks and supplies.

Location

It lies in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of section 29 It is on the SW side of U.S. Highway 45.