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THE TOWN OF ASHFORD

Deals mostly with Town Government)

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Notes by S. Connie Halbur: The original which was used was typed, not hand-written. Nevertheless, there are what appear to be spelling errors, especially with proper names. The names Haessly and Mauel, especially, were spelled multiple ways. We have taken the liberty to correct the spelling of Mauel, as the difference was significant, and researchers may not realize that Muel, Manuel, and Manel were supposed to be Mauel. The name was spelled Manuel 18 times! Note that there was no set spelling of proper names until about 1900. Also, certain letters were written in a way that moderns read as a different letter. The old way of writing a capital H often looked like a W or and M. The double s is is very different from modern style, and is often mistaken for a p or an f. The person who originally typed these sheets may not have been familiar with these facts. We ask the reader to keep these notes in mind when reading these pages.

1870 Census 1, 799

The town of Ashford was, at first, a part of the Town of Auburn. It was set off from that town and separately organized in 1849. The first settlement was made, in the summer of 1844, by Henry Barnett, Josiah Perry, Charles Crownhart and several others, who settled in the easterly part of the town. On their excepting the little beginning commenced by Mr. Crouch, the year before, in 1843. They soon threw up log shanties to protect their families from exposure to the storm, and commenced clearing land for crops the ensuing year. They had many hardships and privations to meet and overcome.

Many kinds of timber were present, with the principal kinds being basswood, elm, maple, ash, hickory, oak and butternut.

The soil is clay and loam, with fine sand, producing good wheat, oats, peas and also excellent pasturage.

The first death that occurred in Ashford, was that of Mrs. Electra Prior, in September 1844. Her daughter, Mrs. Watson, died so soon after, that they were both interred in the same grave.

The first birth was in the family of Mr. J. E. Helmer. The first marriage was Mr. Eleazar Sisco to Miss Fanny Prior.

The first school was taught by Miss Calista Colvin, in the house of Mr. J. Perry, in the summer of 1847.

The first religious meeting was held at the house of Mr. Henry Barnett, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Sears.

At the first election of Town Officers, in April 1849, Daniel D. Wilcox was elected chairman of the supervisors, and Seth G. Pickett was elected town clerk.

1844. The town of Ashford was called Chile for a short time, the name Ashford was given because of the great amount of ash timber which was burned and the ash was used for fertilizing the land.

The name Ashford was given by Dr. S.G. Pickett, and by act of legislature it was approved by them on January 26, 1854.

Joel Mc Schodler was treasurer of the town Auburn and Ashford in its early years.

ASHFORD

The first settlement was established by Henry Barnett in 1844. The first election was held in April 1849. Daniel D. Wilcox was elected Town Chairman and Seth G. Pickett was elected Town Clerk.

Office of Town Clerk: (Elected for two years)

Seth G. Pickett
Henry Crownhart
Peter Johnson
Eli B. Hill
Edward Boener

Joel M. Mc Schooler – Treasurer for many years
for Auburn & Ashford township/

Population of 1853 was approximately 1000.

The plank roads were mostly made from Oak wood. The roads were 8' wide and the plank 3" thick. The under braces were 8" by 4". The planks were laid on the bridge and then spiked down by long and thick nails. This absorbed a lot of the hard wood of the townships as they were built. The wood was not creosote like the ties are today so the roads were subject to rotting out after fifteen years. By this time the regular steel rail roads were being built with the cross ties.

STUART CAMPBELL – FOUNDER OF CAMPBELLSPORT

Stuart Campbell – In 1850, he purchased a pre-emption claim of eighty acres in the town of Ashford. Four acres were cleared and had a log cabin built on it. He acquired 200 acres of cleared land until 1888.

His new home was built on a corner of Sheboygan Street, which was called State Road at that time. The other road, going south, was Fond du Lac Ave. which was called Residences Street. When Kippenhan's Garage was built the home was moved to a different lot toward the west and is now occupied by Doris Johnson.

On September 30, 1848, he married Miss Julia M. Southerd. They had eleven children; Sarah J., Nancy M., Charles C., Belle A., James S., Robert J., William F., Lillie M., Eddie F., Libbie J., Frank D..

In 1873, the railroad was built through the town of Ashford. On the 16th of September, he purchased the land on which Campbellsport is built. At the same time, the land was plotted by him. The land acquired from Mr. Martin was 160 acres. He gave the railroad 3 acres for a station.

For twelve years he was a member of the Ashford Town Board. His political status was Democrat.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF CAMPBELLSPORT

The birth of Campbellsport came in 1873 when it was named by Jacob Haessly in honor of Stuart Campbell, the public spirited founder, who had given 16 acres of land to the Airline Railway in which to build a Rail Road Station. H. B. Martin was the owner of the 160

acres where the railroad was going through, but wanted to sell it all for \$10,000, with a consideration of no interest involved. Then Mr. Campbell purchased the land from Mr. Martin and began to plot the New Village. The first lots he sold to J. M. Saemen and the second to James McCullough, who built the first store in Campbellsport plot. Mr. J. M. Saemen built the third store and warehouse.

TOWN OF ASHFORD BOARD OFFICIALS

1849

Sup. Stuart Campbell Dr. Seth G. Picket – Clerk
Chairman Daniel D. Wilcox
Sup. Orsielle A. Simons

1850

Chairman Stuart Campbell Omar Baenar – Clerk
Sup. Samuel D. Wilcox
Sup. Orsielle A Simons

1851

Chairman Stuart Campbell Omar Baenar – Clerk
Sup. S. G. Pickett
Sup. John P. Hifs

1852

Chairman Stuart Campbell Omar Baenar – Clerk
Sup Henry P. Crownhart
Sup. Henry Barnet

1853

Chairman Stuart Campbell Omar Baemar – Clerk
Sup. Peter Johnson
Sup. William Scheit

1854

Chairman Peter Johnson B. Hull – Clerk
Sup. Stuart Campbell
Sup. William Scheit

1855

Chairman Peter Johnson
Sup. Stuart Campbell
Sup. John P. Hifs

E. B. Hull – Clerk

1856

Chairman Jacob Hasely
Sup. Andrew Dieringer
Sup. Farrel Curran

John Mauel – Clerk

1857

Chairman Peter Johnson
Sup. John P. Hifs
Sup. Andrew Dieringer

John Mauel – Clerk

1858

Chairman Andrew Hendricks
Sup. John P. Hifs
Sup. Johnathon Massely [*Should be Haessly*]

Jacob Hasely – Clerk

1859

Chairman Andrew Dieringer
Sup. Joseph Wagner
Sup. Joseph Odekirk

John Mauel - Clerk

1860

Chairman Andrew Fieringer
Sup. Joseph Wagner
Sup. Joseph Odekirk

John Mauel - Clerk

1861

Chairman Joseph Wagner
Sup. Pearson Bruner
Sup. John Senn Jr.

John Mauel - Clerk

1862

Chairman Joseph Wagner
Sup. Carl Loehrke
Sup. C. Tramburg

John Mauel - Clerk

1863

Chairman Joseph Wagner
Sup. Carl Loehrke
Sup. C. Tramburg

John Mauel - Clerk

1864

Chairman Andrew Bieringer
Sup. William Stephan
Sup. Peter Johnson

John Berg – Clerk

1865

Chairman Andrew Dieringer
Sup. Peter Johnson
Sup. Michal Hall

Joseph Mauel – Clerk

1866

Chairman Andrew Dieringer
Sup. Peter Johnson
Sup. Jacob Dagenhart

Peter Mauel – Clerk

1867

Chairman Andrew Dieringer
Sup. Peter Johnson
Sup. Jacob Dagenhart

Peter Mauel – Clerk

1868

Chairman Peter Johnson
Sup. Jacob Degenhart
Sup. Christian Lindemann

John Berg – Clerk

1869

Chairman George Anderson
Sup. John Henzil [*This should probably be Wenzil, as that was a fairly common name in the area at that time.*]
Sup. John M. Flasch

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1871

Chairman Peter Johnson
Sup. Michael Thelen
Sup. John M. Flasch

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1872

Chairman Peter Johson
Sup John M. Flasch
Sup. Michael Serwe

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1873

Chairman Michael Serwe
Sup. Peter Bach
Sup. Frank Sceller

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1874

Chairman John A. Hendricks
Sup. Thomas Kard
Sup. Peter Bach

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1875

Chairman Michael Thelen
Sup. Stuart Campbell
Sup. Peter Bach

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1876

Chairman Michael Thelen
Sup. Stuart Campbell
Sup. Peter Bach

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1877

Chairman Michael Thelen
Sup. Stuart Campbell – Campbells Original Plat
Jacob Shirks Addition
Jacob Senfts Addition

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1878

Chairman Michael Thelen
Sup. Stuart Campbell
Sup. Kilian Strebel

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1879

Chairman Michael Thelen
Sup. Kilian Strobel
Sup. George Maefely [*Should be Haessly!*]

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1880

Chairman Michael Thelen
Sup. Kilian Strobel
Sup. George Haefely [*Haessly*]

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1881

Chairman Michael Thelen
Sup. George Haefely [*Haessly*]
Sup. Kilian Strobel

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1882

Chairman Michael Thelen
Sup. George Haefely [*Haessly*]
Sup. Kilian Strobel

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1883

Chairman Michael Thelen
Sup. George Haefely [*Haessly*]
Sup. Kilian Strobel

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1884

Chairman Michael Thelen
Sup. George Haefely [*Haessly*]
Sup. Kilian Strobel

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1885

Chairman Michael Thelen
Sup. Kilian Strobel
Sup. Sylvester Cisco

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1886

Sup. Kilian Strobel
Sup. Sylvester Cisco

1887

Chairman Michael Thelen
Sup. Kilian Strobel
Sup. John Wenzil

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1888

Chairman Michael Thelen
Sup. Kilian Strobel
Sup. Sylvester Cisco
Assessor -Peter Beck
Treasure - John P. Schill
Justice of Peace - Peter Berg
Constable - Wenzil Knarr

Peter J. Mauel – Clerk

1889

Chairman Ignatius Klotz
Sup. Joseph Strobel
Sup. O. G. Hendricks
Postmasters - Ullrich Kuntz – St. Kilian; Daniel Schrauth Ashford

John M. Paas – Clerk
John Krudwig- Elmore
Gottlieb Schmidt–Campbellsport

1890

Chairman Ignatius Klotz
Sup. Joseph Strobel
Sup. O. G. Hendricks
The first postmaster elected - Henry Lux - Ashford
Ullrich Kuntz – St. Kilian
Daniel Schrauth – Elmore
Nicholas Enfelt – Campbellsport
Assessor – Carl Haberkorn
Constable -Nickolas Enfelt
Health Officer -Dr. P. A. Hoffman

John H. Paas – Clerk

1891

Chairman Ignatius Klotz
Sup. Mathias Serwe
Sup. Thomas Curran
Postmasters - Ullrich Kuntz – St. Kilian
William Mauel – Ashford
Daniel Schrauth – Elmore
William Meyer – Campbellsport
Assessor - Kilian Strobel
Constable -William Lesses
Treasurer - John P. Schill
Justice of Peace - Peter Berg

John H. Paas – Clerk

1892

Chairman – Ignatius Klotz
Michael Hall – Clerk

Constable – William Hall Jr.
Health Officer – Dr. F. A. Hoffman
Postmasters – Michael Degenhard – Campbellsport
William Lesisses – Ashford
Andrew Stracohota – St. Kilian
Franz Kleinhans – Elmore
Justice of the Peace – Andrew Strachota

1900

Chairman – James E. Ward John C. Senn- Clerk
Sup. – John Flasch
Sup. – Fred Jankow
Assessor – Nickolas Stoffel
Treasurer – Andrew Strachota
Constable – John Mauel
Health Officer – Dr. P.A. Hoffmann
Postmasters – Michael Degenhard – Campbellsport
Frank Kleinhans – Elmore
Frank Strobel - St. Kilian
Wenzil Janish – Ashford
Justice of the Peace – Christian Schmaltz

1901

Chairman – James E. Ward John C. Senn - Clerk
Sup. – Fred Jankow
Sup. – John Flasch
Assessor – Christian Schmals
Treasurer – Andrew Straohota
Constable – John Mauel
Health Officer – Dr. P.A. Hoffmann
Postmasters – Michael Degenhard – Campbellsport
Frank Strobel – St. Kilian
Frank Kleinhans – Elmore
Martin Thelen – Ashford
Justice of the Peace – William Hall

New Page

1902

Chairman – William Strobel
Sup. – Nick Stoffel
Sup. - Peter Schaefer [*Should this be Schlaefer?*]
Clerk – John Senn
Treasure – Andrew Stochota
Assessor – Chiste Smaltey

1903

1906

Chairman – James Ward
Sup. - Joseph – Strobel
Sup. – Nick Hunt
Clerk – John Senn
Treasure- Andrew Strachota
Assessor Nick Stoffel

1907

Chairman – Kilian Strobel
Sup. William Campbell
Sup. Peter Schaefer [*Schlaefer?*]

1904

Chairman – Kilian Strobel
Sup. – Michael Litscher
Sup. – William Campbell
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer- John Flasch
Assessor A.C. Senn

Chairman – William Berg
Sup.- Joseph Strobel
Sup. – Nick Strobel

1908

Chairman – William Berg
Sup. - Joseph Strebel
Sup.- Nick Hunt
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer – Peter Brown
Assessor – Mick Stoffel

1905

Chairman – James Ward
Sup. – Michael Litscher
Sup. – Joseph Strobel

1909

Chairman- William Berg
Sup.- Peter Hurth
Sup. – Tom Johnson

1905

Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer – John Flasch
Assessor – Nich Stoffel

1909

Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer- Peter Brown
Assessor – Kilian Strobel

New Page

1910

Chairman – Thomas Johnson
Sup. – Henry Strobel
Sup. – Peter Hurth
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer – John Kleinhans
Assessor - Kilian Strobel

1914

Chairman 0 William Berg
Sup. – Joseph Serwe
Sup. – Mathias Schmitt
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer – Simon Strachota
Assessor – Nick Stoffel

1911

Chairman – Thomas Johnson
Sup. - Peter Hurth
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer – John Kleinhans
Assessor – Kilian Strobel

1915

Chairman – William Berg
Sup. – Joseph Serwe
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer – Simon Strachota
Assessor – Nick Stoffel

1912

Chairman – Thomas Johnson
Sup. – Anton Zielieke
Sup. – Peter Hurth
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer- John Kleinhans

Assessor – Kilian Strobel

1913

Chairman – Thomas Johnson
Sup. – Anton Zielieke
Sup. – Ernest Reinhart
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer – Simon Strachota
Assessor – Nick Stoffel

New Page

1916

Chairman – Basthol Serwe
Sup. – A.F. Schmidt
Sup. – John Schrauth
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer – Mathias Schill
Assessor – Nick Stoffel

1917

Chairman – Peter Thill
Sup. – Anton Weismer
Sup. – Joseph Serwe
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer – Mathias Schill
Assessor – Nick Stoffel

1918

Chairman – Joseph Serwe
Sup. – Peter Thill
Sup. – Albert Handgardner
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer – Mathias Schill
Assessor – Nick Stoffel

1919

Chairman – Joseph Serwe
Sup. – Peter Thill
Sup. – Ernest Rusch
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer – Mathias Schill
Assessor – Nick Stoffel

New Page

1924

Chairman – Bertram Thelen
Sup. – John Boegel
Sup. – William Mathieu

1920

Chairman – Henry Powen
Sup. – Ernest Rusch
Sup. – Peter Thill
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer – Math Schill
Assessor – Nick Stoffel

1921

Chairman – Henry Powen
Sup. – Andrew Flasch
Sup. – William Jaeger
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer – Mathias Schill
Assessor – Frank Brath

1922

Chairman – Bertram Thelen
Sup. – John Boegel
Sup. – William Jaeger
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer – Mathias Schill
Assessor – Frank Brath

1923

Chairman - Berthram Thelen
Sup. – John Boegel
Sup. – William Jaeger
Clerk – John Senn
Treasurer- Mathias Schill
Assessor – Frank Brath

1928

Chairman – Barthol Jaeger
Sup. – Andrew Beisbier
Sup. – Michael Weis

Clerk – John Senn
Treasure – Fred Hammen
Assessor – Frank Brath

1925

Chairman – Bertram Thelen
Sup. – John Boegel
Sup. – William Mathieu
Clerk – John Mauel
Treasurer – Fred Hammen
Assessor – Anton Bertram

1926

Chairman – Bertram Thelen
Sup. – John Boegel
Sup. – William Mathieu
Clerk – John Mauel
Treasurer – Fred Hammen
Assessor – Anton Bertram

1927

Chairman – Barthol Jaeger
Sup. - Jacob Felix
Sup. – Michael Weis
Clerk – John Mauel
Treasurer – Frank Brath
Assessor – Lorenz Strobel

New Page

1932

Chairman – George Jankow
Sup. – Otto Schmidt
Sup. – William Mathieu
Clerk - Ray E. Loomis
Treasurer – John Kleinhans
Assessor – Adam Jaeger

1933

Chairman – Henry Johnson
Sup. – N/A
Sup. - N/A
Clerk – Roy E. Loomis
Treasurer – John Kleinhans
Assessor – Adam Jaeger

1934

Chairman – Henry Johnson

Clerk – John Senn
Treasure – Frank Brath
Assessor – Lorenz Strobel

1929

Chairman - Barthol Jaeger
Sup.- Andrew Beisbier
Sup. – Michael Weis
Clerk – John Mauel
Treasurer- Frank Brath
Assessor – Lorenz Strobel

1930

Chairman – Andrew Beisbier
Sup. – George Jankow
Sup. – William Mathieu
Clerk – John Mauel
Treasurer – Frank Brath
Assessor – Lorenz Strobel

1931

Chairman – George Jankow
Sup. – Otto Schmidt
Sup. – William Mathieu
Clerk – John Mauel
Treasurer – John Kleinhans
Assessor – Adam Jaeger

1940

Chairman – Henry Johnson
Sup. – Carl Hayes
Sup. – Herman Wendra
Clerk – Roy Loomis

1942

Chairman – Henry Johnson
Sup. – Carl Hayes
Sup. – Herman Wandra
Clerk – Roy Loomis
Treasurer – N/A
Assessor – N/A

1944

Chairman – Henry Johnson

Sup. – N/A
Sup. – N/A
Clerk – Roy E. Loomis
Treasurer- John Kleinhans
Assessor – Joseph Schmitt

1935

Chairman – Henry Johnson
Sup. – N/A
Sup. – N/A
Clerk - Roy E. Loomis
Treasurer – John Kleinhans
Assessor – Joseph Schmitt

1936

Chairman – Henry Johnson
Sup. – N/A
Sup. – N/A
Clerk – Roy E. Loomis
Treasurer – John Kleinhans
Assessor – Joseph Schmitt

1938

Chairman – Henry Johnson
Sup. – Joseph Serwe
Sup. – N/A
Clerk – Roy Loomis
Treasurer – N/A
Assessor – William Mathieu

New Page

1954

Chairman – Paul Thill
Sup. – Lester Strobel
Sup. – Otto Joas
Clerk – Marvin Scheid

1956

Chairman – Paul Thill
Sup. – Lester Strobel
Sup. – Otto Joas

Sup. – Carl Hayes
Sup. – Herman Wandra
Clerk – William Grossen
Treasurer – N/A
Assessor – N/A

1946

Henry Johnson
Sup. – Carl Hayes
Sup. – Herman Wandra
Clerk – William Grossen
Treasurer – N/A
Assessor – N/A

1948

Chairman – Henry Johnson
Sup. – Carl Hayes
Sup. – Paul Thill
Clerk – Marvin Scheid
Treasurer – N/A
Assessor- N/A

1950

Chairman – Henry Johnson
Sup. – Raymond Strobel
Sup. – Paul Thill
Clerk – Marvin Scheid

1952

Chairman – Henry Johnson
Sup. Raymond Strebel
Sup. Otto Johs

1966

Chairman – Mathias Thelen
Sup. – Norbert Luedke
Sup. – Mathias Thelen, Jr.
Clerk – Fred Grossen

1968

Chairman – Lester Strebel
Sup. Norbert Luedke
Sup. – Mathias Thelen, Jr.

Clerk – Marvin Scheid

1958

Chairman – Mathias Thelen
Sup. – Lester Strobel
Sup. – Mathias Thelen, Jr.
Clerk – Thelma Schmid

1960

Chairman – Mathias Thelen
Sup. – Aleis Beck
Sup. – Lester Strobel
Clerk – Thelma Scheid

1962

Chairman – Mathias Thelen
Sup. – Aleis Beck
Sup. – Lester Strebel
Clerk – Fred Grossen
Treasurer – N/A
Assessor – N/A

1964

Chairman – Mathias Thelen
Sup. – Lester Strobel
Sup. – Norbert Ludeke
Clerk – Fred Grossen

Clerk – Fred Grossen

1970

Chairman – Lester Strobel
Sup. – Norbert Luedke
Sup. – Mathias Thelen, Jr.
Clerk – Fred Grossen

1972

Chairman – Nerbert Luedke
Sup. – Mathias Thelen, Jr.
Sup. – Neal Straub
Clerk – Fred Grossen

1974

Chairman – Nerbert Luedke
Sup. – Mathias Thelen, Jr.
Sup. – Neal Straub
Clerk – Fred Grossen
Treasurer – Donald Grossen
Assessor – Marvin Hayes