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FIFIELD FAMILY HISTORIES

"Preserving the past and creating memories for future generations"

Dear fellow Citizen,



The Price County Historical Society is going to publish a book of Fifield family histories to be published in late

summer or fall 2002. We would like to include your family history along with two photographs. Your family history should be limited to 500 words and be submitted according to the instructions on the reverse side.

Your family history is important to us. If you prefer, instead of writing a family history, just answer or comment on the questions contained in this letter, and we will then weave it together to create your family history for you. The suggested questions could also be helpful in writing your own family history.

Beginning your family history

To begin your family history we are primarily interested in when and why your family came to Fifield and the events that occurred from that point onward including all the descendants of the first family to settle in Fifield. (Put your answers/comments on a separate piece of paper and submit per instructions below.)

Let's get started

- Parenthood. List the children of your earliest known Fifield residents and repeat that process for each generation to the current generation. Tell a little about each person; who they married, where they went to school, what their occupation was and where do they currently live.
- Early childhood. When and where born?

 Do you remember any significant events
 that occurred during your early childhood or
 memories passed on to you of your ancestor's childhood?



Schooldays. Where did you attend school? What are your fond memories from that period; who were your favorite teachers and what kind of music and dances do you remember? Were sports a significant part of your activities in school?

- Religious affiliation. Where did you attend church? Was your families' religious training instrumental in how they observed holidays? Were any family members active in the church and if so, in what areas?
- Wartime and news events. Did any family members serve in the Armed Forces? Which Branch? Where stationed? Did they serve overseas? Remember ration books? Did they participate in any historically significant event?

Jobs. What kind of work did they do? Did they work in the hospitality industry such as restaurants, hotels or resorts? If you or your family members were farmers explain how farming has changed from the early days. Do you have any fond memories of working on the farm?

Town life. Do you remember events from the Spur Lake toboggan slide? Explain the facilities and what it was like to ride the slide. Do you have any fond memories of the "old swimming hole", ice-skating, dancing, pool tournaments, baseball games or any other activity? Do you remember taking the train and if so relate your experiences? If you remember what Fifield was like during the '40's and 50's, describe what it was like? Where did you shop and what kind of transportation did you have? (cont.)



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• Town life (continued). If you or anyone in your family participated in town activities such as a volunteer fireman or town government, list that.

Good luck in writing your story and we all look forward to hearing about it. The memories that you record today will be cherished for years to come. Do not put off writing your story because the date will approach faster than you think and much time is needed to compile this book. Sit down now and get going on your Fifield family history; it's one sure way of immortalizing your family.

Please send your history to Price County Historical Society - Family Histories, P.O. Box 156, Fifield, WI 54524. If you have questions, please write to Leona Krucky, same address, telephone 715-762-2502, Pat Schroeder, 715-762-4571 or E-Mail Douglas Severt at djsevert@ionet.net. Please send copies rather than originals of any documents submitted. Please send GOOD photo reproductions such as laser copies. Digital documents and photographs are also accepted and appreciated.

