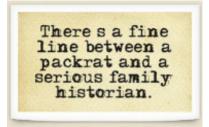


# SHAKOPEE HERITAGE SOCIETY

### NEWSLETTER





### At the 55+ Scott County Expo





On October 18, 2024, Donna Lane and Sandy Olson paint the booth, telling the seniors about the Shakopee Heritage Society!

## At Valley Cemetery

The Shakopee Heritage Society and The Daughters of the American Revolution Keewaydin Chapter have been working since 2022 at Valley Cemetery in Shakopee. One of the DAR members, Betsy Christopher, was looking for the tombstone of John Christian Setzer. She couldn't find it any place at Valley Cemetery. So Betsy saw Ken Pass, the sexton of the cemetery.

Ken headed home and located the area where his tombstone was supposed to be located. He returned to the cemetery and used a Dowsing twig to find a location. Then he used the shovel. And then figured out where the top and bottom of the tombstone was located.















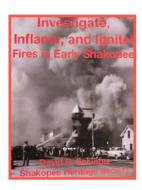


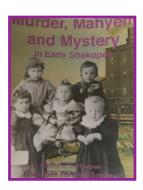
John Christian Setzer was born in Germany in 1824. He died on June 18, 1874. John served as a private in Co I, 2nd Minnesota Calvary. John enlisted on December 29, 1863, and was discharged on May 4, 1866.

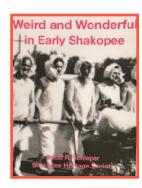
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People of Sha K' Pay.









# Coming Up...

So Groovy! Shakopee in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s November 12, 2024, 1-2 pm at Shakopee Community Center

Instigate, Inflame, and Ignite: Fires in Early Shakopee January 14, 2025, 1-2 pm at Shakopee Community Center

Murder, Mayhem, and Mystery in Early Shakopee February 11, 2025, 1-2 pm at Shakopee Community Center

Weird and Wonderful in Early Shakopee
March 11, 2025, 1-2 pm at Shakopee Community Center

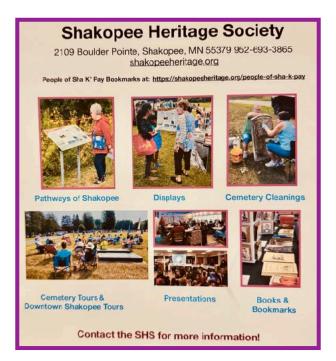
# What are we working on?

People at the Shakopee Heritage Society are working on several books, including a book about Central Elementary School, books on some of the Women in Early Shakopee, and getting the 9 other Pathways of Shakopee history signs up on the south south side of Memorial Park.



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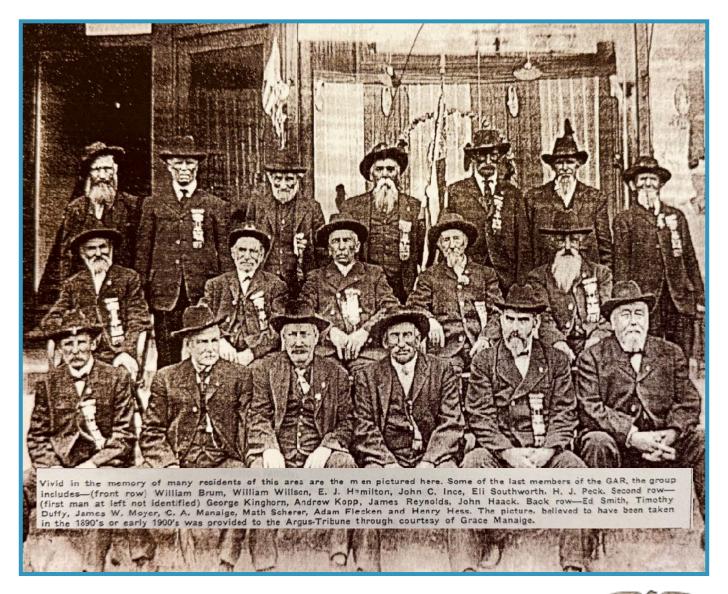






People of Sha K' Pay brochures (more than 350 of them) are available on line at: https://shakopeeheritage.org/people-of-sha-k-pay

### Shakopee Veterans of the Civil War



During the Civil War, many men in Shakopee and the surrounding area joined the military. Above is a photo from Grace Manaige. Her father was Charles August Manaige. He, along with others, joined the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) a fraternal organization composed of veterans of the Union Army (United States Army), Union Navy (U.S. Navy), and the Marines who served in the American Civil War. It was founded in 1866 in Decatur, Illinois, and grew to include thousands of "posts" (local community units) across the North and West. It was dissolved in 1956 at the death of its last member. Charles was the last member in Shakopee, and is on the back row, in the middle.

On the next pages, a few of the Veterans are discussed.

Lieutenant Frank M. McGrade 1830-1876

On January 4, 1864, Frank McGrade enlisted to join General Sibley's 2nd Minnesota Volunteer Infantry at Fort Snelling. He was commissioned 1st Lieutenant in Company "L" of the 2nd Minnesota Calvary. Because of his army responsibilities, Frank McGrade employed a deputy (possibly Jacob Thomas) during most of the latter part of his term. Frank M. McGrade was discharged on May 4, 1866.

Private Frederick Schmidt 1838-1863

Sergeant Frederick Schmidt joined Company L, First Minnesota H.A. in the Civil War.



Sergeant George Buchanan Clarke, Sr. 1841-1887

George Buchanan Clarke, Sr. enlisted as a private on May 17, 1861 in Shakopee. He was mustered into Company A, 1st Minnesota Infantry. When he was discharged, George returned to the battalion and was promoted to sergeant. Frank Houston recalled later that Clark "looked like a ghost of the man, who was captured in June, 1864, and that he complained of having no teeth and always felt exhausted." George was discharged at Jeffersonville, Indiana, on July 14, 1865.



Private Harrison Lyons 1841-1925

Harrison Lyons, in 1855, the family, including his parents moved to Shakopee. Steven was 22 and Harrison was 19 when they enlisted in Company A of the First Minnesota Volunteers. George Lyons served in the 9th Minnesota and John Lyons, the youngest, served in the 11th Minnesota.



Private Jabez William Flavel 1828-1896

Jabez William Flavel joined the Civil War, and was there until 1865. Jabez joined Company H, 11th Regiment of Minnesota Volunteer Infantry.



Private James B. Heth, Jr. 1841-1893

Corporal Harrison Jay Peck 1842-1913

Private Charles August Manaige 1847-1938

Private Adam Geiß Geis 1841-1933

Private Francis Frank McCoy 1847-1906

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James B. Heth Jr and his brother enlisted into Wisconsin 24th Infantry Regiment. Once James B. Heth Jr. was discharged from service, he moved to Shakopee, and on October 29, 1865 James married Jennie Brown. James B. Heth Jr. worked as a railway depot agent. Then, he managed the National Hotel with his wife Jennie until it was destroyed by the Great Fire on October 2, 1879. From then until his death, James worked in mercantiles and handy man jobs where he could find the work. He was active in the community within the Grand Army Post and Shakopee Fire Department.

Harrison J. Peck was enlisted in the 1st United States Sharpshooters during the American Civil War. Peck practiced law in Shakopee, Minnesota and was the editor and publisher of the Shakopee Agnus newspaper. Peck served in the Minnesota Senate from 1883 to 1886 and was involved with the Democratic Party. He also served as Mayor of Shakopee, Minnesota and as the Scott County Attorney.

On January 25, 1846, wearing highheeled boots to give him the required height, Charles A. Manaige, part Ho-Chunk Indian, enlisted in the U.S. army. He served as a private in Company F, First Regiment, Minnesota Heavy Artillery.He was honorably discharged in Nashville, Tennessee eight months later, on September 27, 1865.

Adam Geiß Geis worked on the claim until he was 23 years old, when he enlisted in Company I Fourth Minnesota, to serve in the Civil War. He served throughout the war and was obedient to of Sherman's Yankee boys in the memorable march from Atlanta to the sea. The campaign was marked by its objective, to cripple the Confederacy's ability to wage war. They destroyed anything and everything important to the war effort, leaving ruins where Georgia's great cities once stood.

Private Francis Frank J. McCoy III was born on October 5, 1847 son of Francis McCoy Jr (from the Red River Settlement in Hudson Bay. Saskatchewan, Canada, and Louis Cadotte McCoy. He was a métis. Francis Frank J. McCoy III volunteered to serve in the Civil at the age of 17. He was described as 5'5", with hazel eyes and brown hair. He became a private in Company B, 11 Minnesota Infantry. He mustered out June 26, 1865, and discharged at St. Paul July 11, 1865. Private Francis Frank J. McCoy III married Rose Laramie in 1871.

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Eli Southworth 1844-1925 On September 26, 1861 Eli, at age 17, enlisted in the Company A Fourth Minnesota Infantry Volunteers at Fort Snelling. Nn October 22, 1862 Eli Southworth was discharged from Jefferson Barracks in Missouri with disability.



Private Louis Richard Prescott 1842-1892

Louis Richard Prescott, born at Fort Snelling, enlisted in 1862 as a Private. He was mustered into E Company, Minnesota Infantry. He was transferred out in 1864 and was transferred into Veteran Reserve Corps. He died in 1892 and is buried at Valley Cemetery. He was the adopted son of Philander Prescott and his native wife, Mary. He was married to Margareth who received his pension after his death. He appears on the 1890 Veterans schedule from Shakopee.



Private Johann John Paul 1819-1900

Johann John Paul, born iin Germany in 1819, headed to America in 1856, and lived near Red Wing, where he started the Red Wing Pottery. John Paul was a private in the Wisconsin Infantry, Company B during the Civil War. He was 43 years old, and was in for one and a half year, from April 1863 to 1865. In 1871 he moved to Shakopee. For a few years, John Paul worked as a potter in Shakopee, using the mud from the Minnesota River. He crafted jugs, milk crocks, plates, pictures cups, jars and bowls, as well as toy cats, dogs, monkeys and chickens.



Private George A. Wells 1821-1862

George enlisted in Co A, First Minnesota Infantry on May 8, 1861 at Ft. Snelling. Records show he was sick by March of 1862, and was also wounded in the Battle of Fair Oaks in Virginia. He was sent home to Shakopee. Among the passengers who arrived home last evening on the Clara Hine, George seemingly unconscious of all that was going on around him, "he continued to express his desire to see his mother before he died. He was carried home, and a few hours after breathed his last, with that mother for whom in his feeble condition, he undertook the long and tedious journey from the Army of the Potomac." He died July 18, 1862, and is buried in the Valley Cemetery.



Milo enlisted in Company I of the Ninth
Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. Milo was
chronically ill during much of his military
service in the Civil War, though he did
participate in a battle against Nathan
Bedford Forrest in Tupelo, Mississippi in
mid-July, 1864. He was discharged for
disability before the war ended.



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