



## **Become a Young Historian**

### **Explore Wisconsin History**

### **Right Here in Your Own Back Yard**

Discover the opportunities to explore the resources of local organizations that can help you with school, scouting, 4-H and personal interest projects without going too far from home. This collaborative project is sponsored by three local non-profit organizations.

**Jonathan Clark House Museum**  
**Trinity Freistadt Historical Society**  
**Mequon Thiensville Historical Society**

#### **Here are some suggestions to help you get started**

- . Contact the organization representatives to discuss your interests and needs
- . Arrange for a small or large group tour, as available
- . Arrange for on-site or off-site educational program, as available
- . Take your family or group leaders to events sponsored by the three organizations
- . Set up an individual or small group visit to the Mequon Thiensville Historical Society Archives Center
- . Arrange for an interview with an organization historian or historic craftsman

#### **Explore a variety of subjects**

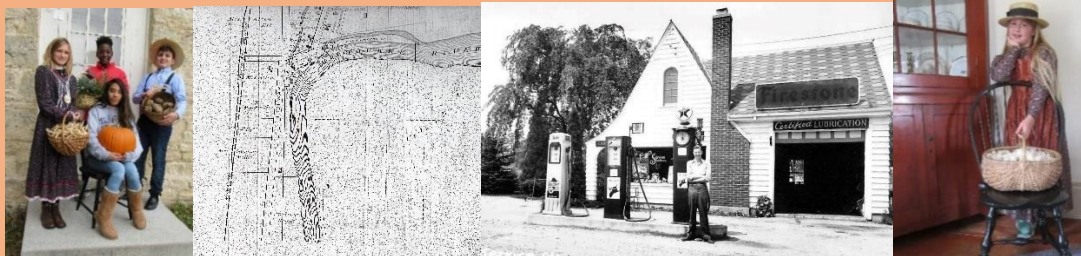
- . Art and Design - painting, sketching, photography and architecture
  - . Social Studies – creating and belonging to a community
    - . History – the life of our early settlers
    - . Language Arts – writing, speaking and drama



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### A Sample of Questions

- . From where did the early Wisconsin settlers come?
- . Why did they move and settle in this area?
- . What did they do when they arrived?
- . What sacrifices did they make?
- . How did they create your community? How has your community changed?
- . How did the geography of the area influence settlement patterns, school development, business, transportation, etc.?
- . What were the religious convictions of the early settlers? Are they still visible today?
- . In what ways are the early maps the same as the maps of today?
- . How did their early decisions or actions effect your community as it is today?
- . What values, skills and knowledge did people need to succeed? Are these the same as we need today?
- . What animals and crops did they have on their farms? How has that changed?
- . What were the daily chores of the early settler children? Are your chores easier or harder than theirs?
- . What was school life like for the children? How have schools changed? How have they stayed the same?
- . What was family life like for the early settlers? How is your family life similar in some ways? How is it very different?
- . Are any of the businesses started by the early settlers still in business today?





## Jonathan Clark House Museum

- . Ask questions of the costumed docents as they take you through an interactive tour of the house and grounds interpreted as life in the 1840s to 1860s
- . Join in the fun at the annual Heritage Days series on the grounds of the Clark House
- . Arrange for a classroom or group presentation and then give your own presentation on the early days of your family
- . Explore the Clark, Turck and Bonniwell families of Mequon and write a tribute to them
- . Spend an afternoon photographing, sketching or painting the 1848 house
- . Experience farm life and chores of the early settler children
- . Explore the Greek Revival architectural style of the 1848 house







### Trinity Freistadt Historical Society Village

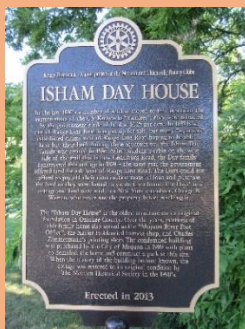
- . Learn about the early German settler's immigration to Wisconsin and to the Town of Mequon
- . Explore the intriguing life of the immigrants and the community that they built
- . Interview a descendant of one of the immigrant families.
- . Take a guided walking tour through twelve historic buildings
- . Observe the sounds and smells of the Wetzel-Pipkorn Blacksmith Shop
- . Photograph, sketch or paint the old buildings and farm equipment
- . Try your hand at doing some of the of the chores of the early settlers
- . Participate in the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival and other on-site group events





## Mequon Thiensville Historical Society Research Center and Isham Day House

- . Discover the Archives Research Center and the valuable map collection with a map as early as 1867.
- . Decide on a subject and then search through old photographs of Mequon and Thiensville. Create a poster on your subject.
- . Explore the life of John Thien, his wife and their neighbors through old maps and photographs
- . Study early postal service in Wisconsin and discover the Mequon River Postal Museum and Stamp Gallery with a special tour of the building
- . Interview Society volunteer staff and members on a special subject. Use what you have learned for a writing or speech project.
- . Use a 40-page walking guide to take a self-guided tour of Historic Thiensville
- . Take a driving history tour of Mequon and Thiensville
- . Arrange a classroom or group presentation on the history of Thiensville



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