



## Archival Anecdotes

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Eddy County Museum Archivist

### Connecting through time

I must confess working as the archivist at the Eddy County Museum has been one of my most favorite positions I've ever held. That's a tough call to make considering I've waited tables at a Colorado mountain resort, cleaned thousands of Late Woodland artifacts from one of the largest prehistoric settlement sites in North America, curated faunal specimens at Southern Illinois University, taught college level classes and written for the New Rockford Transcript.

My role as an archivist began in the fall of 2016, when then Eddy County Museum approached me about some data entry work. The role of the Eddy County Museum archivist was relatively new and was created under the leadership of Jessica Hawkes thanks to grant funding from the North Da-



The details of the lace-work on Laura Peabody's scarf suggests that fashion was of great importance to some of the women who settled in Eddy County. Such artifacts can help shape our understanding of just how much cultural and economic diversity existed among early residents. Courtesy photo.

kota State Historical Society. While she and other volunteers diligently recorded the contents of the Hulbert Schoolhouse and Brantford Depot, my job consisted of entering these records into the archival software and populating the website at eddycounty.catalogaccess.com.

Before I even began the data entry, I sat down with a spreadsheet of more than 3,000 items and began to look for patterns. Patterns I did find, albeit they were surprising. I was expecting a lot of farm implements and taxidermy creatures, and while those things were certainly present on the list so were many delicate, feminine items.

I clearly recall the epiphany I had while entering data on the artifacts that Laura Clark donated in the memory of her Grandmother Peabody. The collection included daguerreotypes as well as cabinet cards, white lace collars and ornate scarves, most of which date back to the 1890s.

This small collection of items was just the beginning of a pattern I saw over and over again. The 1890s were a time when women used parasols, wore corsets and made their wedding dresses by hand. Men wore derby hats, donned waistcoats and carried pocket watches. Based on the evidence it seemed that many early residents of Eddy County were connected to society and culture at large by keeping up with fashion.

Soon I began to see the early days of Eddy County in a different light. This was a diverse place, and the artifacts tell us that the ear-



Laura Stone was married to Samuel Peabody in 1861. Together they raised four children, all of whom were born in Canada. The family settled in Munster Township in the 1890s. The 1920 census indicates that the widowed Laura Peabody spent her later years living in New Rockford with daughter and son-in-law Mary and Horace Clark and granddaughter, also named Laura. It was this granddaughter, Laura Clark, who donated several of her grandmother's items including lace collars, delicate scarves and a hand-embroidered apron to the Eddy County Museum. Courtesy photo.

ly settlers of Eddy County were far from isolated. They were connected to neighbors, through churches and via school. They had picnics and special gatherings. They engaged in commerce on the main streets and corresponded with friends and family via letters and postcards. Their backgrounds might have been diverse, and they might have spoken different languages, but these people were connected in ways us modern folk may never understand.

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### DPRCA-

the DPRCA stage as Tobias in "The Christmas Show," plays Lloyd's fishing buddy, Marvin. Rounding out the cast is DPRCA regular Jon Johnson as Ernie the Moocher.

Patrons will also hear live piano music by the talented Annette Hovey.

"Guys on Ice" opens Thursday, Feb. 15. With just eight performances, the seats will sell fast! Race to the phone and reserve your favorite spot in the Old Church Theatre before your rival fishermen beat you to it!

Shows run Thursday to Sunday from Feb. 15 to 25. For tickets and showtimes, go to [www.dprca.com](http://www.dprca.com).

As usual, dinner will be served before each show in the lower level bistro. Choose from one of four entrées, including salmon, beef short ribs, chicken breast or veggie alfredo pasta. There's mac and cheese for the kids too!

Call or text 701-399-9634 to reserve your table and make your dinner selection.

"Guys on Ice" is the first of five live performances on the DPRCA docket for 2024. Watch this newspaper for show announcements and details throughout the year, and follow DPRCA on Facebook for up-to-date information.

## HISTORY OF NEW ROCKFORD

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The hunting season began on Sept. 1, 1906; 44 local hunters had gotten their licenses. On that day, James E. Renfrew came in on business. Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hylton went to St. Paul, where Mrs. Hylton would consult an eye specialist; they returned on Sept. 8, encouraged by a prognosis for a complete recovery. Sheriff George F. Fahrer and William Farley left for the Minnesota State Fair, which Mr. Hylton would also attend. Mr. and Mrs. William Milne, Jr., of Sheyenne left for the Minnesota State Fair; Mr. Milne was also shipping two carloads of fine beef cattle to the South St. Paul market.

That afternoon, Dr. Charles MacLachlan was attempting to break a very valuable high-strung yearling colt to drive when the animal reared, threw itself backward, and broke its neck.

On Sunday, Sept. 2, Phillips Academy principal L.J. Aldrich preached both morning and evening in the Congregational Church in McHenry. That evening, James E. Hyde went out to the George Pincott ranch and the next day Pincott and Hyde went hunting. On the evening of Sept. 4, they returned to town with the birds the two had shot - 106. [Most were probably prairie chickens.]

On the morning of Sept. 3, M.E. Williams of Minneapolis helped open the drug store in which he was a partner, having purchased the interest of C.H. Babcock the previous week. Babcock & Bucklin was renamed Bucklin, Williams & Company. Williams was a registered pharmacist with sixteen years' experience. Babcock was planning on going to Chicago to study medicine. That morning, Jake Labadie was pulling out the pieces of a pitch fork that had accidentally been thrown into the self-feeder of a threshing machine when a leakage of steam into the cylinder started the steam engine and the band-cutting knives cut his head and shoulders. He was immediately brought into town, where Dr. J.A. Carter dressed the wounds, putting seven stitches in one of them. Miss Mae O'Connell came in from Fessenden and prepared to leave for Sheyenne, where she would teach a country school that fall. Mrs. May Keime and her daughters, Misses Wanda and Mildred, left for Jamestown where the young ladies would attend school. A.C. Jones left for Fergus Falls, where he would

be a grain buyer for the Hall Grain Co. Lumberman L.E. Weaver left on a business trip to the Twin Cities and a pleasure trip to his old home at Algona, Iowa; he returned on Sept. 8. That evening, telephone company proprietor H.W. Wilson drove home from his visit to Wimbeldon.

On Sept. 4, Jacob Valer came in on business. Rudolph Feige, who had rented the Clayton Hall farm, came in on business. P.J. Nopp of Minnewaukan visited with tailor H. Tyler and did some business. Verne and Edwin Wiltzie came home from Garrison, where they had spent the summer. That afternoon, Frank Fahrer and Dr. Charles McNamara came up from Barlow on business and to visit. J.R. Engberg was also in on business from his Barlow farm. Kenneth Cole left for Lake City, Minn., to enter school there. Mrs. G.W. McDonnell left for Valley City, where she would visit before going on to the Twin Cities for medical help for her throat. On that day, in the contest sponsored by St. John's Academy in Jamestown, Miss Anna Mary Allmaras of New Rockford was in 12th place (out of 18) with 240 pts. The leader had 1087½ pts.

Reports on Sept. 4 showed the following:

The First National Bank of New Rockford, James E. Hyde, cashier, showed resources (assets) of \$84,484.01, up \$33.41 from the \$84,450.60 of June 18. Checking accounts were \$13,130.76, down \$2950.14 from the \$16,080.90 of June 18.

The Bank of New Rockford, Assistant Cashier P.J. Braman, had resources (assets) of \$208,135.16, up \$9017.96 from the \$199,117.20, of June 18. Checking accounts amounted to \$83,527.61, up \$2550.42 from the \$80,977.19 of June 18.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank, E.R. Davidson, cashier, had resources (assets) of \$38,566.02, up \$20,505.41 from the \$18,060.61 of June 18. Checking accounts amounted to \$14,810.77, up \$9263.16 from the \$5547.61 of June 18.

On Sept. 5, Charles H. Maddux arrived from St. Paul to visit and to hunt prairie chickens and waterfowl; he returned on Sept. 22. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brockheim of New York City arrived to visit relatives and friends in New Rockford and Sheyenne; they left for home on Sept. 24. Watchmaker W. Goodell came in from St. Paul to work in the

repair department of the J.N. Kunkel Jewelry. Harry Couch went to Bismarck to help his parents move to Linton; he returned from Linton on Sept. 11. That evening, Miss Sarah West went to Sheyenne to visit Mrs. E. McLean; she returned the next day.

On Sept. 6, the "Transcript" interviewed a manager of a threshing outfit and learned there were a number of transients in town who would not go to work for less than \$3 a day. The farmers were paying \$2.75 plus board, so there was a standoff. The paper recommended that anyone who was unwilling to work for the lower wage should be told to move to a different area. M.R. Davis, the leader of the Sheyenne Band, and C.C. Lyford were in on business. Miss Jet Richter came down from Sheyenne to visit. That evening, the members of the L.T.L. [?] enjoyed a lawn party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Priest. Also that evening, J.N. Kunkel went to Sheyenne on business, returning the next day.

The Sept. 7, 1906, "Transcript" had an ad for the Bucklin, Williams Co. which offered paint and wallpaper remnants at close-out prices. M.E. Williams had a notice in that issue explaining that he had purchased an interest in the Babcock & Bucklin drug store and invited the public to stop in and meet him. E.S. Severson had a five-room house and four lots for sale. P.H. West had two spring calves for sale. Andrew L. Jermo was the local agent for "Cream of Fresh Lemons," which could be used as a face cream by the ladies and an after-shaving cream by the gentlemen. A.M. Greeley was attempting to interest residents in planting the "Missing Link," an apple developed in Illinois; Greeley had samples and would quote prices.

Valentine Fertig had a young crabapple tree in his front yard, but it still produced a large number of apples.

That issue said that 35 carloads of wheat had already been shipped out of New Rockford.

During the week, James DeVitt, a Minnewaukan butcher, was in town and bought a carload of hogs from H.H. Miller. For several days Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Downing of Belvidere, Ill., were in town; he was looking after real estate interests.

## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Central Plains Water District will be holding its annual meeting on February 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at 105 Main Ave. S, in Fessenden.  
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### NOTICE

The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations and changes for the 2024 spring wild turkey hunting proclamation.

The season will run from Apr. 13 through May 19. There are 8,137 licenses available in 21 open units. Bag limit is one bearded or male wild turkey.

Deadline to apply is Feb. 14. Only residents are eligible. Apply online at [www.gf.nd.gov](http://www.gf.nd.gov). Licenses issued by weighted lottery.

A complete 2024 fall wild turkey proclamation is available from the NDGF Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: (701) 328-6300, or online at [www.gf.nd.gov](http://www.gf.nd.gov).  
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**SUMMONS**  
**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,**  
**IN DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY**  
**OF EDDY, SOUTHEAST**  
**JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**Nicholas C. Berglund,**  
**Plaintiff,**  
**-vs-**  
**Gretchen Anderson and**  
**Keegan Anderson, and all**  
**Persons Unknown who have**  
**or claim any interest in the**  
**Property, located in Eddy**  
**County,**  
**Defendants.**

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action, which is hereby served upon you, by serving upon the undersigned an answer or other proper response within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this Summons and Complaint upon you, exclusive of the day of service.

If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This action relates to partition of the following described property located in Eddy County, North Dakota, to-wit:  
Township 150, Range 65:  
Section 15: Southeast Quarter and Southwest Quarter.  
Section 16: Northeast Quarter and Southeast Quarter.  
Section 21: Northeast Quarter.  
Section 22: Northwest Quarter.  
Dated this 28th day of December, 2023.

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### NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

#### WATER PERMIT NO. 5403

TAKE NOTICE that the Department of Water Resources has initiated the cancellation process for Conditional Water Permit No. 5403 for three or more years of successive non-use. The permit is held by RUEGRANGER PROPERTIES LLP, for the annual use of 215.0 acre-feet of water from the James River for industrial purposes. The authorized pumping rate is 1,500 gallons per minute. The priority date is January 10, 2000. The point of diversion is the SE 1/4 of Sec. 24, T. 148 N., R. 066 W., Eddy County.

TAKE NOTICE that written comments regarding the proposed cancellation must be filed in the North Dakota Department

of Water Resources, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504-5262, by 5 o'clock p.m., on the 11 day of March 2024. The Department of Water Resources shall consider all written comments received and issue a final decision which will be provided to the permit holder and any person who filed written comments.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 18, 2024.

John Paczkowski, P.E.  
North Dakota State Engineer  
1200 Memorial Highway  
Bismarck, ND 58504-5262  
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### NOTICE

The North Dakota Game & Fish Department announces the following summary of regulations from amendment number one of the 2023-2024 small game, waterfowl, and furbearer proclamation.

The 2024 spring light goose conservation order will be in effect Feb. 17 - May 12, 2024. Only light geese may be taken. Light geese include snow geese, blue geese, and Ross's geese. There will be no daily or possession limit on light geese during the conservation order.

Apply online at [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov).  
A complete proclamation along with amendment one that contains regulations for the 2024 spring light goose conservation order is available from the NDGF Department, 100 North Bismarck Expressway Bismarck, ND 58501-5095, Ph: (701) 328-6300, or online at [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov).  
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