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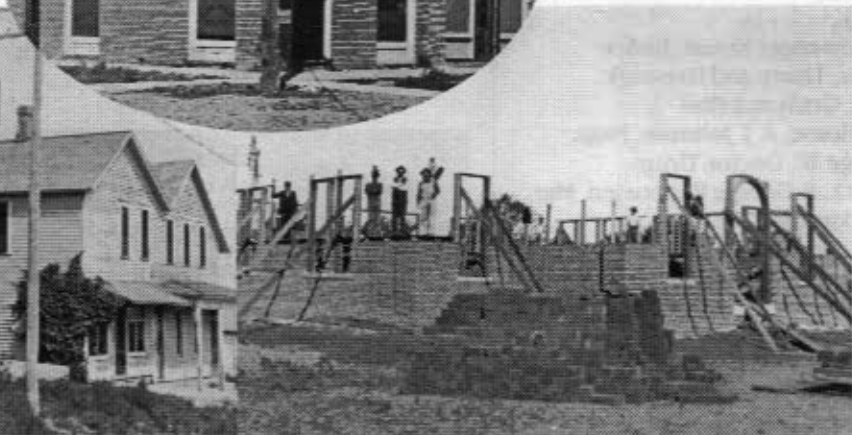
A look back at Howard County's businesses in 1890-91.



Top photo: Farmers Elevator and Omaha Brewery Beer Vault in St. Paul; photo at right: Elba Bank; photo below: Dobry Hotel, Farwell.



Top photo: Hotel Dania, Dannebrog; photo below: erection of the St. Paul Business College in St. Paul.



Photos in this story courtesy of HCHS, Karsten Michaelsen, Randy Lukasiewicz, Bryon Bubrman, Don Nietfeld and Ron W. Sack.



Historical Society creates awareness about cemetery theft.



Depot's exterior facelift nears completion.

The list of Howard County businesses was researched by Ron Sack. It was published in the 1890-91 issues of the Nebraska State Gazetteer. This is a brief sampling of what will be included in our 400 page History Book on Howard County businesses. The text appearing with the lists were published directly from these issues as well.

Boelus

Boelus is a village of 250 inhabitants on the Loup City spur of the Grand Island and Bond branch of the U.P.R.R. in the southwestern part of Howard County, 19 miles from St. Paul, the county town. There are two hotels, a bank, and a roller flour mill. Grain and livestock are the chief products of the surrounding country.

- Ariens, August, Prop.,
Crystal Roller Mills Grain/Coal
- Brandstrup, Peter, Blacksmith
- Crystal Roller Mills, A. Arriens, Prop.
- Dillon & Davis, Carpenters
- Ehrman, Frederick, Prop., Western Hotel
- Fay, D. W., Mgr., North Platte Lumber Co.
- Hoadley, Reuben, Livery
- Howard Bank,
J. N. Paul, Pres.
S. A. Robinson, Cashier
- Jensen, Niels, General Merchandise
- Johnson, A. J.,
Prop., Messenger House, Justice
- Kenyon Bros., Livery and Livestock
- Ieech, H. H., Grain and Coal
- Messenger House, A. J. Johnson, Prop.
- Miller, George W., Doctor, Drugs
- Monson, A. O., & George Rasmussen, Mgr.,
General Merchandise
- Mullen, A. J., Station Agent U.P.R.R.
- Nielson, Rasmus, Agriculture Implements
- North Platte Lumber Co., D. W. Fay, Mgr.
- Ostrom, Ole, Shoemaker
- Rasmussen, Peter, Meat Market
- Savage, E. A. Mrs., Millinery, Hardware
- Savage, Robert, G., Postmaster
- Smith & Seivers, Saloon
- Steen, Theodore J., and John, Mark, Mgr.,
Hardware and Harness
- Western Hotel, Frederick Ehrman, Prop.

We would like to publish your historic business photos in our book. All photos will be returned. Please send them to us as soon as possible.

Cotesfield

Cotesfield, a rural post office in the northwestern part of Howard County. St. Paul, the county seat, is 16 miles distant.

Blanchard, T., Postmaster
Parker, P., Justice

Cushing

Cushing, a station on the Palmer and Burwell branch of the B. & M.R.R., in Howard County. A large elevator with a storage capacity of 15,000 bushels is kept busy handling the grain marketed here during the shipping season. There is also one of the best hotels along this line of road. It is eight miles to Palmer. Population, about 25.

- Andrews, A. T., Grain and Ag Implements
- Bisco, A., Blacksmith
- Bisco, Charles, Carpenter
- Glass, John, Hotel Prop.
- Griffin, Edward, Livestock
- Grubbs, Reuben G., Postmaster
- Harrison, Harry, Station Agent B. & M.R.R.
- Johnson, Carl, Flour Mill
- Seeley, H. G., Livestock
- Van Beuren, Wm. Rev., Pastor M. E. Church



Photo above: Cushing B. & M.R.R. depot agent and friends sitting on the depot platform.

Photo below: Hotel Dania in Dannebrog, once a town landmark. Photo at bottom of page M. C. Petersen's Saloon in Dannebrog.



Dannebrog

Dannebrog is a village of 400 inhabitants on the Loup City spur of the Grand Island and Ord U.P.R.R. It is situated nine miles southwest of St. Paul, the county seat, and is 184 miles distant from Omaha. The village is beautifully located on the romantic banks of Oak Creek, which are lined by splendid groves of natural timber, affording excellent park facilities. One of these, the Central Park, is located adjacent to town, and is the most famous summer resort in Central Nebraska. Excellent boating has been secured by damming up the waters of Oak Creek, which are also employed as motive power for a good water-power mill located at this point. A 100 barrel steam roller mill was erected last year near the U.P.R.R. depot and equipped with the latest improved machinery. Eruptions of natural gas on the banks of the creek, which had been burned and tested, has led to the formation of a mining company, which is at present preparing to sink a mining well. Dannebrog has a good system of graded schools and the Lutheran church, which is the predominating denomination here, is at present erecting a fine church building at a cost of \$2,000. The town and surrounding country is principally settled by Danes, a good class of citizens. *The Stjernen* (The Star), a Danish newspaper of large circulation in the west, is published at this point. The new building for this plant was one of the many substantial improvements made the past year. There are two banks, the Bank of Dannebrog and the International Bank, both doing a large and increasing business. The surrounding country is very thickly settled and highly cultivated, and the railroad business at this point is larger than at all the other places along the line put together.

Bank of Dannebrog
 C. O. Schlytern, Pres.
 J. G. Schlytern, Asst. Cashier
 Blichfeldt, Henry, Blacksmith
 Carlson, A., Station Agent, U.P.R.R.
 Christensen & Rasmussen, Carpenters
 Crown Roller Mills,
 Cockle Separator Co. Props.
 Dannebrog Lumber Co.,
 Hans Peterson, Mgr.
 Ebbesen, Peter,
 Pub. *Stjernen* (Danish), Notary/Justice
 Hald & Mojonier, General Merchandise
 Hannibal, P. M., Nursery
 Hansen, N. G., Jewelry
 Hart, Frank, W., Saloon, & Meat Market
 Hermansen, Peter, Prop. Hotel Dania
 Hotel Dania, P. Hermansen, Prop.
 International Bank,
 George E. Lane, Pres.
 C. C. Hansen, Asst. Cashier
 Jensen, A. A., Blacksmith, & Ag Implement
 Jensen, N. E., Coal
 Jensen, S. A. M., City Transfer
 Jepsen, Klindt & Co., Gen. Merchandise
 Johnson, L. Rev., Pastor Lutheran Church
 Kenyon, A. D., Livestock
 Madsen, S. C., Livestock
 Moore, E., Shoemaker
 Nelson, Mary, Dressmaker
 Paulsen, Christopher, Livey and Dairy
 Petersen, J. C., Carpenter
 Petersen, John, Tailor
 Petersen, J. P., Carpenter
 Petersen, M. C.,
 Prop., Central Park Public Hall & Saloon
 Petersen, Nels, Carpenter
 Petersen, Hans, Mgr. Dannebrog Lumber
 Rasmussen, C. C., Flour Mill

Central Park and Central Park Hall
 (in background)



Rasmussen, O. D., General Merchandise
 Salter, F. G., Physician
 Salter, G. B. & Son, Grain Elevator
 Schlytern, J. G., Livestock
 Sjolholm, M., Drugs and Postmaster
 Sorensen, C. P., Carpenter
 Sorensen, Wm. H., Farm Machinery
 Steen, T. J., Hardware, Furniture, & Harness
Stjernen, (Danish), Peter Ebbesen, Pub
 Taylor, J. J., General Merchandise

Dannevirke

Dannevirke, a post office in the northwestern part of Howard county, 18 miles from St. Paul, the county seat, and eight miles from Elba, the nearest railway station on the Grand Island and Ord branch of the U.P.R.R. Population, about 20.

Eskildsen, Claus, Justice
 Eskildsen, Mary, Dressmaker
 Erich, H., Blacksmith
 Madsen, N. M., Postmaster
 Petersen, Robert, Blacksmith
 Wilds, G., Dressmaker



Bank of Dannebrog

Elba

Elba is on the Grand Island and Ord branch of the U.P.R.R., in Howard County, ten miles west of St. Paul, the county town. It has a population of 300, who have a large trade with the surrounding country, which is fertile and productive. A good grain elevator facilitates the shipment of grain from this point; 500 car-loads of grain and 80 car-loads of livestock were shipped during the past year. A butter and cheese factory has been established at a cost of \$7,200, with a capacity of 500 pounds of cheese and 500 pounds of butter per day. The Elba State Bank has a capital of \$24,500. There is a Polish Catholic Church here and also one of the United Brethren in Christ. A good school house has been built at a cost of \$5,000.

Adams, Charles, Livery
 Allnutt, Henry, Bookbinder and
 Mgr. Elba dept. St. Paul Phonograph
 Bacon & Peters, Props.
 Loup Valley Butter and Cheese Factory
 Bandura, Joseph, Blacksmith
 Barnes, C. S., Drugs
 Cook, Ed T., Livestock
 Covey & Vandecar, Farm Machinery
 Covey, W. H., Grain, Livestock, etc.
 Daly, George H., Station Agent U.P.R.R.
 Deminski, J. J., Insurance
 Dorsch, John, General Merchandise
 Elba Hotel, R. M. Holmes, Prop.
 Elba State Bank

Capital and Surplus: \$24,500

George Ellis, Pres.
 A. E. Cady, Vice Pres.
 James, Bacon, Cashier
 Fisk, G. W., Blacksmith
 Fugate, M. A. & Co., Meat Market
 Hall, D. O., General Merchandise
 Holm, John, Carpenter
 Holmes, R. M., Prop. Elba Hotel,
 Justice and Livery
 Houravickski, Anton, Shoemaker
 Hulhutst, Paul, Physician
 Jakomovicz, T. Rev.,
 Pastor, Catholic Church
 Jezewski, Leon, Saloon
 Johnson, Peter, Postmaster
 Jones, J. H., Mgr. North Platte Lumber Co.
 Kotick, Charles, Wheelwright
 Lawson, & Fugate, Livestock

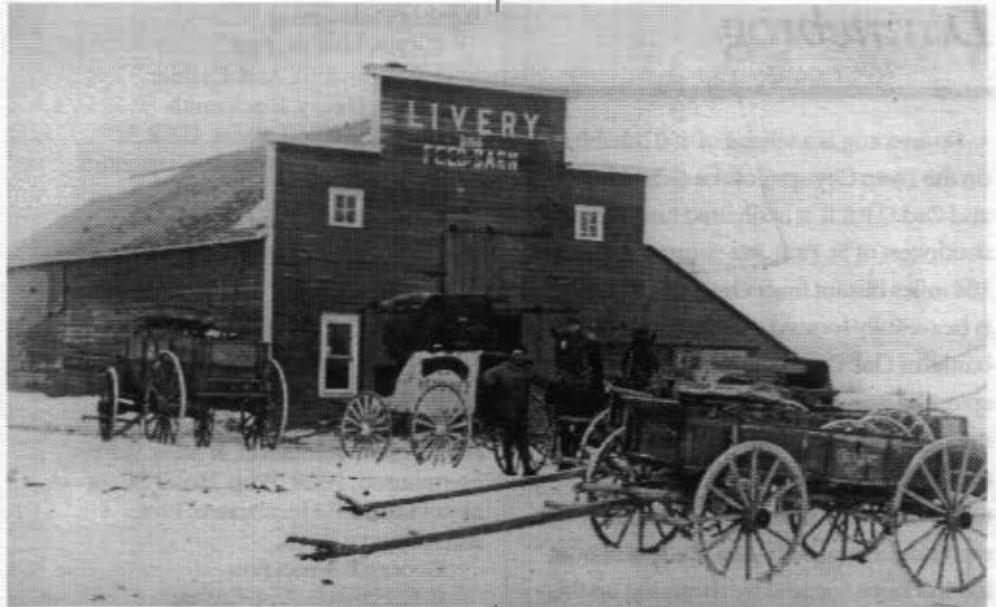


Photo above: Lang's Livery at Farwell.

Loup Valley Butter and Cheese Factory,
 Bacon & Peters, Props.
 Miller, E. J., Hardware, Ag Implements
 Moravec & Kovic, Ag Implements
 Morawitz, Louis, Blacksmith
 Naprstek, A. M., Harnessmaker
 North Platte Lumber Co., H. Jones, Mgr.
 Peters, John, N., General Merchandise
 Platchkowski, Jacob, General Merchandise
 Seidel, F. J., City Transfer
 Stevens, Samuel, Carpenter
 Vandecar, H. R., Real Estate, etc.
 Weekes Bros., Flour and Feed

Photo below: Bridge under construction near Elba.

Farwell

Farwell, a post office and station on the B. & M.R.R. in the western part of Howard County 11 miles west of St. Paul. A Polish Catholic Church is nearby. Population, about 50.

Burk, Alexander, Meat Market
 Chicago Lumber Co., P. Lang Mgr.
 Doby, Charles, Gen. Merchandise
 Doby Hotel, Charles Doby, Mgr.
 Hansen, J., Blacksmith
 Higgins, E. M., E. J. Wright Mgr, Grain
 Jensen, Soren, Livery
 Lang, James, Hardware, Harness,
 Farm Machinery & Livery
 Larkowski, A., General Merchandise,
 Saloon, and Postmaster
 Rector, L., Station Agent, B. & M.R.R.
 Stuart, J. F., Livestock



Nysted

Nysted, a post office in the southwestern part of Howard County, 12 miles from St. Paul, the county seat. A creamery is in operation here. Population 100.

Hermansen, H.P., Prop. Nysted Creamery
Jacobsen, P. H., Blacksmith
Olsen, Fred, Postmaster, Gen. Merchandise
Nysted Creamery, H. P. Hermansen, Prop.
Petersen, H. F., Harnessmaker
Sondergaard, Peter, Ag Implements

St. Libory

St. Libory, a station on the Ord and Loup City branch of the U.P.R.R. in the southeastern part of Howard County, 11 miles from St. Paul, the judicial seat. A beautiful German Catholic Church is located here as well as a Baptist. Population 75.

Baumgartner, M. G. Rev.,
Pastor Catholic Church
Bradley, Grace I. A., Postmaster
Bradley, Anthony R., Station Agent U.P.R.R.
Buddecke, Wm., Town Org., Livestock
Comfeld, J. C., Justice
Delsman, F. W., Gen. Merch., Ag Imps
Dingwerth, J., Prop. Illinois House
Eischer, John, Blacksmith
Hastings, M., Hardware, Saloon
Illinois House, Hotel, J. Dingwerth, Prop.



Photo above: St. Libory U.P.R.R. depot.

Any town
lucky enough
to get a
railroad
had survival.

Photo below: St. Paul's Howard Avenue.




Photo above: St. Libory's Illinois House.
Photo below: St. Paul's first Union Pacific depot and original water tower.





DAUGHTER

MOTHER



There's a
reason why
you can't
remember your
great-grandfather's
name.

Cemetery thieves take a part of your family history that can never be replaced. If you see suspicious activity in your area cemeteries, report it to your local law enforcement office. It's the least you can do to protect your family name.

Help Stop Cemetery Theft

*This public service message is brought to you by
the Howard County Historical Society*

St. Paul

St. Paul, the county seat of Howard County, is situated between the North and South Loup Rivers, six miles from their confluence. The railway system of the Loup valleys converge at this point, the city being on the line of the U.P.R.R. running from Grand Island to Ord, a branch of which extends westerly from here to Loup City and Pleasanton. A line, also of the B. & M.R.R. from Central City to Arcadia, passes through the city. These railroads open up to St. Paul a large trade from the valley of the Loup and its tributaries. The city is particularly noted for its large brick buildings on the main thoroughfare, its beautiful residences and its handsome churches and schools. Two churches are made of wood, Presbyterian and Methodist, a third, Catholic, is brick. The early settlers were of English descent. Most refer to them as "Yankees."

In no place in the state of its size has there been so great an outlay to add to the stability and please the eye in the construction of buildings. Two flouring mills, with a capacity of 200 barrels per day, extensive water works three national banks, an elegant opera house, seating 700, and large elevators are prominent features. The Comm. Hotel, J. C. Phillips proprietor, is a noted hotel of the state, well conducted and popular. Frank Iams, the celebrated importer and breeder of horses, is located here. There is not an establishment in the west excelling this in the number of horses bred and imported, nor in the grade of the animals he handles. Mr. Iams is now in Europe to select additions to his extensive stud. The receiving and forwarding of grain and live stock constitute the chief industry. Population, 1400.

Agor, Husted, Livestock
 Allen, Walton, Prop Walker House
 Anderson, M. & Co., Groceries
 Anderson, Paul, Attorney at Law
 Andrews, E. I., Hardware Plumber
 Ansler, John, Blacksmith
 Ansler, Joseph, Wagonmaker



St. Paul's Howard Avenue

Bard, Frank, General Merchandise
 Bartle, E. O., Books, and Stationery
 Baxter, Noah, Seeds
 Beebe, L. M., Prop. St. Paul Hotel
 Bell, T. T., Attorney
 Bollinger, M. G. Mus., Hardware
 Bowers, John C., Livery
 Branch, W. H., County Surveyor
 Brown, H. O., Painter
 Broz, J., Rev. Pastor and Poet,
 Catholic Church
 Bryan, J. L., Loans
 Carr, E. E., Mgr. St. Paul Roller Mill
 Chadwick, E. S., General Merchandise
 Chicago Lumber Co., J. A. Monk, Mgr.
 Chinn, Ches, Drugs
 Chinn, Ed F., Postmaster
 Christensen, L. P., Feed Stable
 Citizens National Bank, Capital \$50,000
 Ed McConnick, Pres
 A. A. Kendall, Vice Pres.
 T. F. McCarty, Cashier
 W. A. Wilson, Asst. Cashier
 City Roller Mills, Z. T. Leftwich, Prop.
 Claffin, J. L., Editor and Prop.
St. Paul Phonograph
 Commercial Hotel, J. C. Phillips Prop.
 Cook, H. L., Attorney
 Covey, A. L., Auctioneer
 Covey, L. L., Grain, Livestock
 Crew, F. W., Real Estate
 Cushman, A. J., Furniture, Carpets
 Cuder, John A., Lumber
 Davis, Wm., Wagonmaker
 Devry, Cyrus, Brick Mfr.
 Dobry, John, Farm Machinery
 Dull, Jacob, Shoemaker

Enevoldsen Bros., Carriages, Livery
 Enevoldsen, E., Mgr. North Platte Lumber
 First National Bank, Capital \$50,000
 A. E. Cady, Pres
 N. M. Wells, Vice Pres
 George, E. Lane, Cashier
 Fleming, A. Mrs., Millinery
 Fleming & Mertz, Meat Market
 Fletcher, D. R., Physician
 Freeman, Minnie, Stenographer
 Gordon, James, Coal
 Greene, W. H., Music Teacher
 Gregg, Isaac, D., City Scales
 Gregston, W. H., Painter
 Grier Bros., Livery
 Gruber, A., Brick Mfr.
 Haggan, J. A., Abstracter
 Hans & Gruber, Bakery, Confectionery
 Hansen, Henry, Laundry
 Harvey, Robert, Real Estate, Attorney
 Henderson, Charles, G., Photographer
 Henderson, Robert, Pumps, Windmills
 Heron, Lee, Second Hand Goods, Plumber
 Hildebrand, J. G. P., Pub. *The Press*
 Hill, Henry, Carpenter
 Hoover, Bros., Groceries
 Hovel, F. R., Physician
 Howell, S. R. & Co., Props
 North Platte Lumber Co.
 Iams, Frank, Importer and Breeder of
 Clydes, Shires, Percherons, Normans,
 French Horses, and Shetland Ponies
 Jackson, P. T., Drugs
 Jacques, C. M. & J. L., Johnson Mgr., Grain
 Johnson, J. L., Mgr. C. M. Jacques, Coal
 Jolls, F. S., Jewelry
 Jolls, L. E., Jewelry

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Kahl, Albert, Carpenter
 Keeney, Samuel, Insurance
 Kendall, A. A., Attorney
 Lanning, R. F., Justice
 Leftwich, Z. T., Prop. City Roller Mills
 Leroy, N. G., Insurance
 Lininger & Metcalf Co.,
 D. C. McPherron Mgr., Ag Implements
 McCracken, W. J., Livery
 McNabb, T., Attorney
 Malmgren, Hy., Real Estate, Loans
 May, E. J., Hotel Prop
 Merrill, E. P., Piano Tuner
 Merrill, M. R., Pub. *St. Paul Enterprise*
 Metcalf, H. C., Prop. *St. Paul* Roller Mill
 Monk, J. A., Mgr. Chicago Lumber Co
 Morrill, D. E., Dentist
 Mosher, J. E., Painter
 North Plate Lumber Co., S. R. Howell & Co.
 Props. E. Enevoldsen, Mgr
 Novak, Joseph, Saloon
 Nowlin, A. S., Harnessmaker
 Nunn, Henry, Attorney
 Olson, W. H., Billiards
 Papousek, Martin, Carpenter
 Paul & Templin, Attorneys
 Phillips, J. C., Prop. Commercial Hotel
 Piasecki, Xavier, Saloon
 Pine, Walter, Carpenter
Press (The), J. G. P. Hildebrand Pub.
 Pyne, C. W., Saloon
 Rinker, F. W., Groceries
 Robbins, E. W., Dry Goods
 Robinson, Henry, Blacksmith
 Robinson, & Hermansen, Meat Market
 Ross, J. S., Bakery, Confectionery
 Russell, H. B., Barber
 St. Paul Building & Loan Assn.
 J. A. Haggan Sec.
St. Paul Enterprise, M. R. Merrill, Pub.
 St. Paul Hotel, I. M. Beebe, Prop.
 St. Paul National Bank
 Capital and surplus \$60,000
 N. J. Paul, Pres.
 A. U. Dann, Vice Pres.
 A. C. Rowell, Cashier
 St. Paul Opera House, F. R. Hovel, Sec.
St. Paul Phonograph, J. L. Clafin, Prop.
 St. Paul Roller Mill,
 H. C. Metcalf, Prop., E. E. Carr, Mgr
 Schickedantz, Harry, Coal, Ag Implements
 Scon, A. W., Veterinary Surgeon
 Shalda, James, Harnessmaker
 Shansstrom, P. G., Clothing
 Smith, Ed, Livestock
 Smith & Jordan, General Merchandise
 Smith, M. D., Attorney
 Spencer, S. A., Station Agent B. & M.R.R.
 Sirt, W. R., Insurance
 Tenopir, Charles, Tailor
 Thompson, E. E., Attorney, Real Estate
 Toman, Joseph, Saloon

Van Denbark, H. W., Harnessmaker
 Vavra & Amman, Blacksmiths
 Vavra, Frank, Farm Machinery
 Vavra, J. K. Mis., Groceries
 Vieregg, H., Soda Water Mfr.
 Walker House, W. Allen, Prop.
 Wallace, T. R., Attorney
 West, George W., Groceries
 Whitbeck, John Mason, White
 Granville Station Agent, U.P.R.R.
 Wilson, A. G., Notary
 Wilson Bros., Drugs
 Wolbach, S. N., General Merchandise
 Worth, R. F., Physician
 Wysocki, W. F., General Merchandise
 Yetter & Phillips, General Merchandise



Engraving above: Bartle's Store in St. Paul.



Photo above: Burlington and Missouri Railroad depot in St. Paul. The B. & M.R.R. helped St. Paul prosper.



Photo above: Hoover's Store in St. Paul.

Union Pacific depot donations and pledges

Frieda and Howard Oakeson
 Audrey Christensen
 Joyce Strong
 Phyllis Ross
 Evelyn Winzgar
 Ellen Campbell
 Dave and Mena Sprague
 Marian Poes
 Edna Zuehlke
 Sooda Women's Club
 Carol Noel
 Lindbloom Family
 Viola Cauer
 Betty Rasch
 Phyllis Hawes
 Rose Larson
 Ken Christensen
 Alice Jacobsen
 Tom Taylor
 Verna Clark
 Ray and Shirley Johnson
 Vanice and Lyle Babensky
 Jeanne Scott Brumz
 R. Hawes
 Eugene and Joan Vener
 Carl Christensen
 Georgia Jensen

Elaine Jacobs Babensky
 Hazel Lawrence
 Jim and Marilyn Nelson
 Lorraine Stewart
 Scrabe and Dale Johnson
 Bonnie and Gary Clayton
 Allied Insurance
 KN Energy
 Eileen Bader Chapin
 David B. Hald
 Kristi Johnson Holten
 S.P.H.S. Class of 1979
 Gerald Niesfeld
 Citizens Bank
 St. Paul Jaycees
 Marion Babensky
 Brehm Healthmart
 Ron W. Sack
 St. Paul Equipment/Leon Senczyk
 Sowers Club
 T.O. Haas
 DeVry Family
 St. Paul Bank
 Jacobsen Funeral Home
 Col. Russell Klingensmith
 Dorothy June Ruback Collins
 Barb and Dan McIntyre
 Dr. Maurice and Madelean Mathews
 Pat Kunze and Lowen Clausen
 Mari Southard
 Farwell Arms
 Swinarski Pharmacy
 St. Paul Abstract
 Don and Marlene Syas

Ron and Jeanne Babensky
 Liz and Terry King
 Heritage Living Center
 Dan Sevick
 Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Tesner
 First Federal Lincoln
 Kathy Semerad
 Elaine and Wayne Swadley
 Betty and Gary Schwabek
 Pizza Hut
 Dr. Jean and Claire Pate
 Office Bar
 Bill Mannelein
 Berwick Burkhardt
 Nancy Forbes
 Bob Forbes
 Auna V. Smith
 Gerald Larkowski
 Ed Schmidt
 John Weiland

Edward Rosenbery
 Lonnie Devry Rhodes
 Elsie Jacobsen Brown
 Carl and Mansire Jacobsen
 Pauline Sack
 Elvora Rahaman
 Don Christensen
 Larry Morse
 Bixie Hiatt
 Lucille Levine
 Earl C. Hald
 C.V. Svoboda (Lampost)
 E.R. Jarecke
 Keith Davis
 Bill Gordon
 Hany Larsen
 Hazel Kryack
 Peg Zocholl
 Pat Kelly
 Evelyn Svoboda
 Louise Shaugnessy
 Violet Yarduzian
 Willard and Dan Ross
 Ernest Beaker
 Alvin Layher
 Gertrude Babensky
 Eva Babensky
 Kenneth Berggen
 James C. Cook

Union Pacific depot memorials

Elaine Mostek
 Richard Haggart
 Norma Merchant
 Mary J. Tweehous Eckhart (Lampost)
 Leonard, Gertrude,
 & Leonard Jr. Babensky (Lampost)
 Bud Oakesen
 Feila Hansen

All donations are as of November 5, 1999.
 Please advise us if there are any corrections or additions.

Photo copy or cut along dotted line and send in.

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMPLETION OF THE HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL VILLAGE BY HELPING PRESERVE THE UNION PACIFIC DEPOT.

I want to help fund this much needed and final project which will house new exhibits, meeting space, and storage space. I wish to donate:

___ \$100 ___ \$250 ___ \$500 ___ \$1,000 ___ \$2,500 ___ \$5,000 ___ \$10,000 ___ Other

 Name

 Address

 City State Zip

 Phone

All donations over \$100 will be remembered on the Donor Board which will be prominently displayed in the restored depot. Donations of \$2,500 or more will receive special recognition.

 Name you wished to have inscribed.

Your donation, made out to the Howard County Historical Society, is tax-deductible.
 (Be sure to indicate the "Depot Campaign" on your check memo area.)

Send in your tax-deductible donation to us at P.O. Box 304, St. Paul, NE 68873

Questions? Contact the Historical Society at the address above or contact any of the other board members.

Thank you!

IT'S YOUR MEMORY. IT'S OUR HISTORY. IT'S WORTH SAVING.

Our depot: a true asset for St. Paul.

By Marion Bahensky

Our painting bees were a big success. They started back in May and now most of the exterior of the depot has been painted. It reminded us of the good old days when neighbors helped neighbors. Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who took time to scrap, paint and repair the exterior of the depot.

On Tuesday, September 28, work began on replacing the 88-year-old tin roof on our charming Union Pacific depot which we moved here last December. As the old shingles tumbled to the ground, it was verified that there was no hope of re-using them. Every single shingle showed extreme signs of wear. The old roof did, however, serve the public well in its life on the 1911 depot in Gibbon on the main UP line, then as an office in Shelton from 1975 to 1968 and, finally, to St. Paul.

The old shingles were patented in the early part of the century. Almost exact replicas were found in 1999 at a plant in Nevada,



Missouri, where the new shingles were ordered. The Historical Society had to raise a lot of money to pay for 5,220 shingles, at \$2 apiece, but we believe it is necessary to restore the depot as nearly as possible to its original appearance. We are working from an original Union Pacific blueprint. While the cost is high, it is hoped that the new roof will last just as long as the original.

Historical Society members were told that the galvanized steel roof could not be painted unless the new shingles were weathered. We did not wish to wait years until the new shingles were paintable. Accordingly, we took on the difficult task of etching and painting all 5,220 of them before they go up.

The job took nine people six weeks, instead of the "week or two" originally hoped for.

The depot takes a proud place in the Historical Village in the center of St. Paul. It is almost an exact replica of the St. Paul depot, which was torn down in 1975. It was also built from the standard Union Pacific plan. This depot has been repainted in the original yellow and brown specified by the owner at the turn of the century, E. H. Flaminan. This color was carefully matched. The shingles have been painted to match their original green color.

Besides restoring the depot, we have been busy researching and documenting history for our new book, gave St. Paul some much needed publicity, and hosted events which bring people to town. We are very lucky that we have such wonderfully capable and supportive directors, members and friends.

Historical Society members, directors and friends have contributed over 6,400 volunteer hours in 1999 to "Boost" Howard County and St. Paul!

Be on top of the world and order your Howard County History Book today!



Yes, please reserve _____ copies of the new and expanded *Howard County History Book* for me.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cost:

Number of History Books: _____ x \$75.00 = _____

Shipping and Handling (\$5.00 per book): _____ x \$ 5.00 = _____

5% Nebraska Sales Tax (\$3.75 per book): _____ x \$ 3.75 = _____

Total: _____

Make checks payable to the Howard County Historical Society.

Send payment to: Howard County Historical Society, P.O. Box 304, St. Paul, NE 68873.

Historical Society launches awareness campaign on cemetery theft.

By Ron W. Sack

Cemeteries in New Orleans have been robbed. So have ones in Baltimore, Los Angeles, and Paplin. Yes, Paplin. Decorative and religious objects from cemeteries are in high demand. Some antique dealers are paying big bucks for urns, angels, crosses, gates and even little lambs. Howard County's Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery at Paplin is the latest victim. In an effort to promote awareness about cemetery theft, the Howard County Historical Society is launching a public service campaign to inform everyone to be "on the lookout" for anything suspicious at area cemeteries. Other tips are also included on how you can help prevent this theft from happening.

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The Howard County Historical Society is one of the first Historical Societies in the United States to launch such a campaign. Look for one of our ads inside this newsletter.



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