



Families of Couillardville

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MS#10 Brings Friends Together



Seated L to R: Phyllis Hintz, Charlotte Ihde, Lorraine Konkkel, Donna Donlevy Esser, Janice Detaeje Janssen, Leah Huberty Dumke, Leona "Pat" Konkkel Rockteschel, Lucy Thome Schmidt, Helen Jacquart Roznowski,
 Standing L to R: Phil Schmidt, Betsy Janssen, Leon Janssen, Dave Beyer, Barb Konkkel, Jim Jacquart, Jerry Peters, Phil Olson, Ellen Beyer, Claire Peters, Julie Roznowski Olson, Bernard Donlevy, Linda Carey, Ruth Thome, Sandy Matravers, Bill Funk, Judy Jacquart Salcinski, David Matravers, John Matravers, Vicki Funk, Dan Carey, Nancy Carey Campbell, Lee Johnston, Bob Dumke, Kerri Couillard Jepson, Lyle Nichols, Bonnie Carey Ahborn, Debbie Carey Foral, John Konkkel, Todd Carey, Ken Couillard, Jim Campbell, Doug Couillard, Mary Ann Konkkel Jenquin, Kyle Hynek, Mike Hynek, Keith Jenquin, Betty Couillard, Bob Rockteschel, Kayla Hynek, Tom Kussow, Alicia Couillard Hynek, Dan Roznowski. Photographer—Dallas Janssen

MS#10 Program Highlights

*We Remember...
 We Celebrate...
 We Believe!*

August 25, 2012

Guests began arriving at 1pm on the beautiful warm and sunny August afternoon. In the air there was a hint of Jim Campbell's steaks grilling, while one delicious dish after another was added to the banquet tables. At 130pm the program began with a prayer, God Bless America and some images of those days when Jacob Couillard came up the Oconto River and settled in this special place on Earth. This led into an annual tribute to family members who have gone before us. It has become tradition that this tribute is accompanied by the music of "How Great Thou Art." Attendees were then treated to highlights of interviews from the first nine years of machine shed parties. This was followed by *Songs from Home* performed by Charlotte Ihde on her auto-harp. After this interlude Jim Jacquart presented insights into the history of logging in Oconto County. Many of our Couillardville ancestors worked in the woods in the winter to fund their investments in farming for the rest of the year.

Jim showed pictures of his Dad as a young man at the logging camp in Lakewood. He then described a bit of the history of the Peshtigo fire and retold the story of the families of Couillardville who apparently understood the high risk of fire more than a month before the Peshtigo and actually built a back fire to clear out the "slash" south of the Oconto River in Couillardville. This decision and action provided a safe area as the fire made its way from the Town of Howard to the Peshtigo area. Jim wondered how many of us might not be around now had our ancestors not anticipated, and been so well prepared for this deadly fire. Nancy Carey Campbell researched the circumstances of the life and death of her Uncle Tony Carey who was killed in WWII just one day before the end of the war. Based upon her research and family records and pictures she told, in a pre-recorded video, the very informative and touching story of Anthony O Carey.

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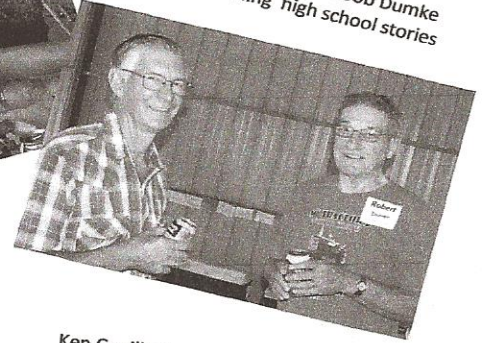


Couillardville School Memories

Standing L to R: Ruth Thome, Leona (Pat) Konkel Rockteschel, Lucy Thome Schmidt, Donna Donlevy Esser, Helen Jacquart Roznowski
Seated L to R: Leah Huberty Dumke, Janice Detaeje Janssen



John Konkel & Lee Johnston discussing tractors no doubt



Tom Kusow & Bob Dumke recalling high school stories



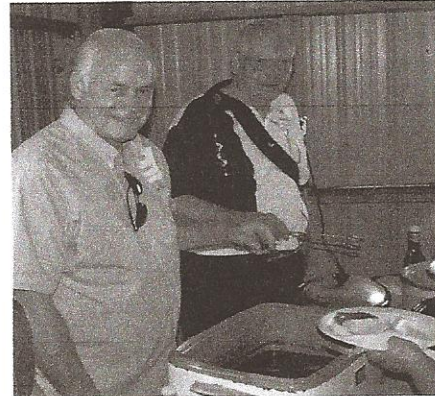
Debbie Carey Foral & Bonnie Carey Ahborn ready to cause trouble



Janice Janssen talking with Lorraine and Maryann Konkel Jenquin. Bob Rockteschel in the foreground



Ken Couillard enjoying the day with Grandson Keither and daughter Kerri Jepson



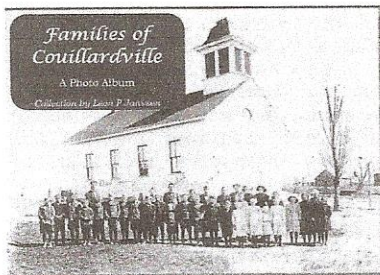
Superb Chefs Jim and Dan



Couillardville Class of 1954, L to R, Leon Janssen, Leah Huberty, Leona Konkel, Lee Johnston



Couillardville Class of 1950. L to R Dave Matravers, Helen Jacquart, Donna Donlevy, John Konkel



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Anthony O. Carey
Yankee Soldier (Civil War
story of John Matravers)

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Logging in Oconto County

By Jim Jacquart



Jim Jacquart read the book "A History Of Logging in Oconto County" written by Della Rucker and combined this with his family history and created a very informative video report on Logging in Oconto County. The young man on the far right above at the logging camp in Lakewood is Martin Jacquart, Jim's father. Martin later raised his family in Couillardville and continued his career working at the Holt Hardwood company in Oconto. Jim reported the remarkable story of the families in Couillardville who had the foresight to build a back fire on the west side of the Oconto River to protect for a potential fire a full month before the Peshtigo fire came through Couillardville. Many of our ancestors spent the winter in the woods making money to fund their investments in farming. Thanks Jim!



Anthony O Carey 1920-1944

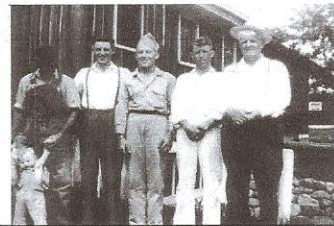
By Nancy Carey Campbell

In grateful memory of Technician Fourth Grade Anthony O Carey, who died in the service of his country in the European Area, August 29, 1944. He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live.. and grow, and increase its blessings. Freedom Lives, and through it, he lives in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men.
Franklin D. Roosevelt
President



Nancy Carey Campbell took on a research project to learn more about the circumstances of the military service and death in World War II of her Dad's brother Tony Carey. Along the way she got help from her cousins, Mona Matravers and Jim Carey and her husband's brother who had special access to military records of veterans.

Nancy's work has been captured in a 11:29 minute video that has been posted on you tube to make it available to all those interested. Within just a few days of Nancy notifying family members of its availability there were already over 100 viewings of the story. The first viewing of this touching story was at MS#10. Nancy has given a great gift to her family.



Picture on the left
On a visit home Tony visited the Chicken Shack in Stiles with R to L, Frank Carey, Jim, Tony, Jack and Norb with Ron.

Charlotte Ihde entertained with
Songs from Home.



Classmates Maryann Konkel Jenquin
and Nancy Carey Campbell



Special Thanks!!

Those who brought a dish to pass

The Brats-Helen & Dan R

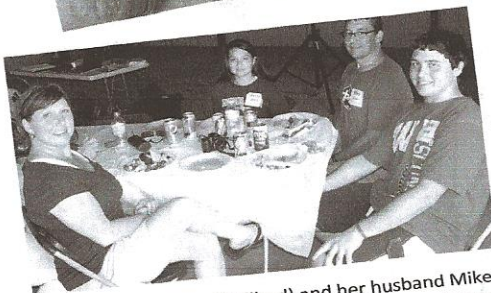
The Steaks- Nancy & Jim C

Buns/Condiments- Barb & Ken C

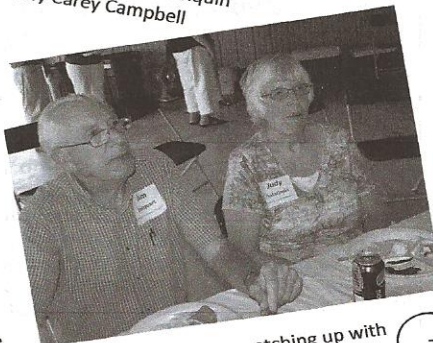
Tables & Chairs- John Matravers

Preparation of the machine shed-
Nancy, Debbie, Dan and Bonnie
Carey

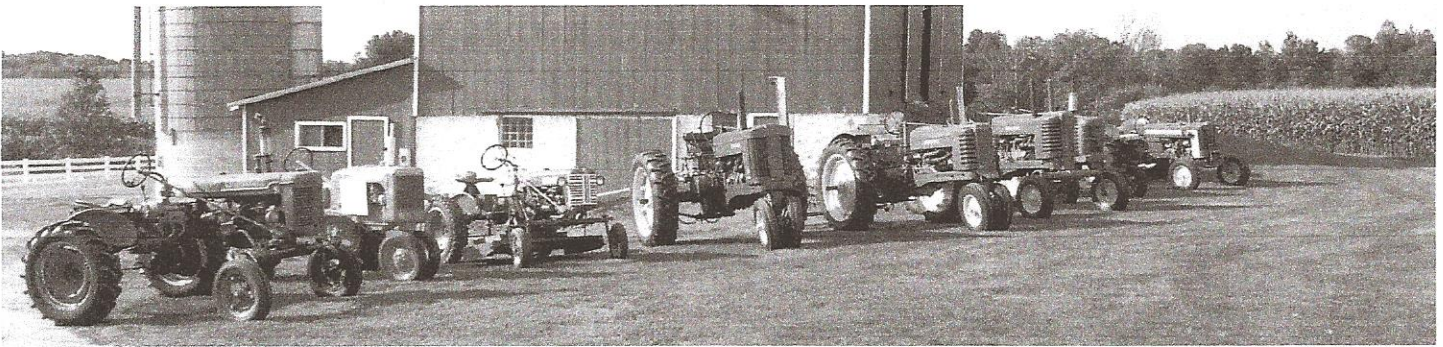
For planning team: Nancy Carey
Campbell, Helen and Dan
Roznowski, Jim Jacquart and Ken
Couillard



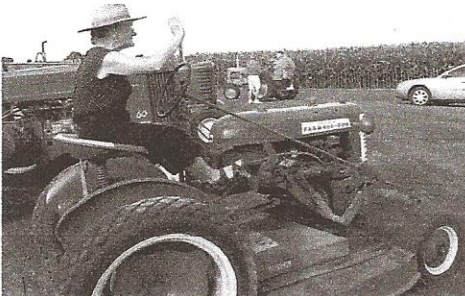
Alicia (Doug Couillard) and her husband Mike
Hynek with children Kyle and Kayla came from the
Madison area.



Jim Jacquart enjoys catching up with
niece Judy Jacquart Salcinski

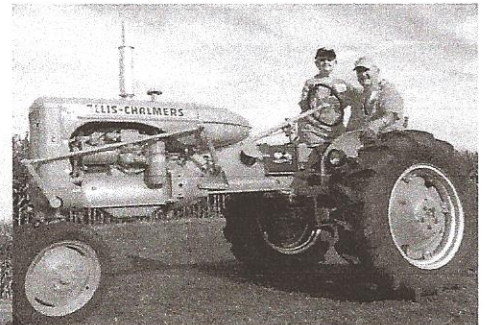


Bringing Back a Little Couillardville Tractor History



Leona "Pat" Konkel Rockteschel heading out with her sharp looking Farmall Cub, currently used to mow a big lawn.

Lyle Nichols and his Farmall M in its "workclothes"



John and Barb Konkel showed up dressed with their Allis Chalmers gear and their newly painted AC - Model C

Program Highlights

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Nancy's story was supplemented by the memories of Helen Jacquart who personally remembered the day the Army came to give the sad news of Tony's death in the war. Don Glynn also recalled vivid memories of Tony, someone he described as having the "patience of Jobe," who was always ready to help younger kids. Don also remembered his personal role in a special memorial program for Tony at the school organized by Helen Janssen. His Dad, Lloyd, had admonished him to be his respectful best. After an intermission and sampling of the abundant and tasty appetizers the assembled group returned to hear Bill Funk recall his growing up years in Couillardville and his time in the US Navy that culminated with him being assigned as the Captain of a Navy ship. Those hot haying days at Henry Doyle's created a lasting memory for Bill. This was just part of developing a work-ethic that Bill credits with being the basis for his success in life. A work ethic also developed through the early morning trips to the barn to milk with his Dad, Ted and the late nights back to the barn after a day working in the fields. The program wrapped up and attendees then continued reconnecting with their Couillardville friends and enjoyed a great dinner highlighted by Jim Campbell's grilled

steak sandwiches and Dan Roznowski's special recipe brats. Of course all were treated to the great recipes in the dishes that were brought to pass. This year's Machine Shed Party included an invitation for attendees to bring an antique tractor. Some brought the full sized versions like John Konkel's freshly painted Allis Chalmers model C. John and Barb made the trip to the party at Meadow Brook Farm on the seat of that shiny restored tractor. There were nine tractors there from Bill Funk's Ferguson to Lyle Nichol's venerable Farmall M, with it "work clothes" as Lyle described. All in all, it seemed that everyone enjoyed recalling their growing up years in Couillardville.

Families of Couillardville Crest

The river and bridge are long time icons of Couillardville. The economy of the area evolved substantially from lumber to dairy (cheese) to grain farming. The school house was the center of what Couillardville meant for many of us while the Couillardville Church represents the deep faith of the residents of this community. Thanks to those of you who have helped improve the crest over the past years. Assuming no more changes we will start using this on our Families of Couillardville materials. Please send any last minute suggestions to Leon.



Families of Couillardville Memorial Fund

At MS#10, with the encouragement of Helen Jacquart Rosznowski, a number of attendees contributed extra money to the event. That money has been put into a special account and will be used to provide memorial flowers/gifts for those who pass away who have attended a Machine Shed party. The flowers or gift will be accompanied with a note:

"From The Families of Couillardville."

