



Families of Couillardville

Togetherness Helpfulness Friendliness
It is about the people!

Fourteenth Edition—Spring 2017

Price \$1.00

Friday Eve

August 25th

**Ice Cream
Social**



&

**Square
Dance**



&

Saturday

August 26th

**Couillardville Park Dedication
Machine Shed Reunion #15
Threshing
Edwin & MaryAnn Couillard
125th Farm Anniversary**

Schedule

Friday August 25, 2017

7-9p Ice Cream Social
And Square Dance

Saturday August 26, 2017

930a Gather at Park
10a Dedication of Park
1130a Gather at the Farm
12N Lunch
1p Program
230p Threshing
4p End Threshing

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



Thomas Edwin and Mary Ann Matravvers Couillard bought **Meadow Brook Farm in 1892** and raised their family at this place. That makes 2017 the 125th Anniversary of their arrival on the farm. All of their living descendants have been invited to MSR 15 to celebrate the 125th Anniversary.

Saturday August 26th will start at 930am at the **Couillardville Park** with the Dedication and the unveiling of the historical marker and the memorial brick area. See page 2 for more details



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A threshing machine and grain binder have been purchased for Meadow Brook Farm so that we can reenact the most memorable of all farm events in Couillardville. Many will remember that Norb Carey had a Belle City threshing machine that served most of the community for many years. The recent addition to Meadow Brook Farm is also a Belle City in memory of Norb and the many crews that worked on it.

“Thomas Edwin “Ed” & Mary Ann Couillard and Family” Visit



Ed and Mary Ann Matravers and their children. From left to right Asa Couillard, Nellie Couillard Fox, Zora Couillard Laduron, .

Machine Shed Reunion 15 will explore a different approach to introducing guests to the story of the Ed and Mary Ann Couillards. Rather than a video presentation there will be a few descendants who will act the roles of the founding family members, potentially in period dress.

Guests will be invited to engage these role players in conversations about their families and times during the day. Additionally photos and other memorabilia of the Couillard family will be on display. All the living descendants of Ed and Mary Ann will be invited to MSR 15.

Threshing Memories

For many threshing was the most complete example of neighborliness, friendliness and helpfulness in our rural life in Couillardville. We will use MSR15 as an opportunity to share memories through pictures and personal stories. If you have photos you can share in advance Leon will enlarge and post some of them in the machine shed. If you have stories that you can write to explain the photos that would be especially good.

There should also be an opportunity to share your threshing memories in a recording made that day. We look forward to hearing stories of shocking grain, the threshing crews, the meals, pulling wagons, the end of the day beverages and more.

Send photos & stories

Memory Video Photos

Please send photo of family members you'd like included in the MSR memory video.



Your MSR 15 Check List

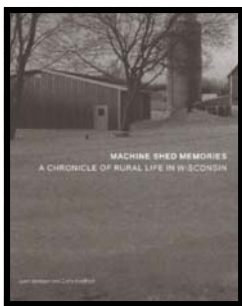
- Buy Couillardville Park Memorial Brick(s)**
- Share threshing photos with Leon**
- Bring dish to share (if dessert-PIE??)**
- Decide if you can volunteer**
- Bring youngsters to Friday Social & Dance**
- Plan for Saturday August 26th**

Need Volunteers

Early August
August 24th
August 25th
August 26th
August 26th
August 26th

Cut and shock oats
Final Preparation and Arrangement
Reset the Machine Shed after Dance
Wagon Rides from Farm to Couillardville Park
Threshing
Bring a Dish to Share (All)

**Please
RSVP
to Leon**



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SHED
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A Chronicle of
Rural Life in
Wisconsin.**

Available at
www.machineshedmemories.com

Stories of Life's Winding Pathways by Helen A. Jelinske available for \$12 plus \$3 S&H

Other Couillardville Books

Available at www.lulu.com NEW Price
Search on "Couillardville"

Printed books available for \$9.95

- Joseph and Julia Jacquart Family -1928 by Mary Ann Couillard
- 100 Tough (price \$15.95)
- The Norbert and Grace Carey Family
- Sam and Matilda Couillard Family
- Now available as e-books \$3.99**
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Anthony O. Carey
Yankee Soldier (Civil War story of John Matravers)

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Couillardville Park

Couillardville Park Enhancement Project On Track for August 26th Dedication

Park History

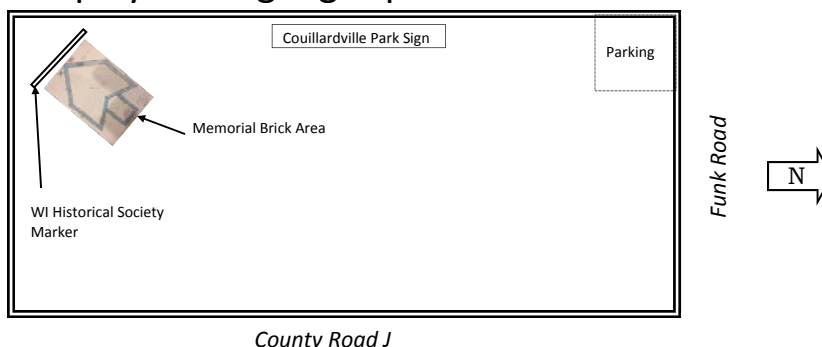
The park, at the corner of County Road J and Funk Road, was first established some several years ago by Oconto County on land previously occupied by the Presbyterian Church parsonage. The plot was deeded to the County, in 1957, by George and Emma Donlevy for the token sum of \$1. The County has kept the property mowed with modest amenities to welcome people using the park for picnics, contemplation, or just admiring the handsome views. While the park was cut and used by some, even the neighbors were not aware that the property was actually owned by the County.

Park Plans

Enhancements to Couillardville Park are being done through the cooperation of the Oconto County Department of Forestry and Parks and the Friends of Couillardville Park.

- **Couillardville Park Sign**— A standard county parks sign being completed by the County.
- **WI Historical Society Marker**— Recognizes the occupations of the area by Indians and later our European ancestors. Paid for by the Friends of Couillardville Park.
- **Memorial Brick Area**— In the Southwest corner of the park and in front of the historical marker will be a patio-like display area to honor/remember individuals with engraved memorial bricks. See page 4 for ordering instructions. The design and construction of this area is also being paid for by the Friends of Couillardville Park.
- **Parking Area** — will be added by the County on the NW corner, along Funk Road.
- **Picnic Bench**—An additional picnic bench is planned for the park by the County.
- **Tree Trimming** and Planting will be also done by the County.

Memorial Brick Area and WI Historical Society display will highlight park enhancements



Who will you Remember and Honor?

Great grandparents, grandparents, parents, uncle, aunt, brothers, sisters, spouse, children, favorite teacher???

The “Brick Display”

The display will consist of custom-designed and annotated paver bricks memorializing members of the community. Whether historical or current, individuals or entire families, these handsome paver bricks will be designed to the specifications of each purchaser.

Families will be able to keep their memories and stories alive for the benefit of future generations. Whether honoring a forebear or an entire family, these unique displays will be seen and read by visitors to the park for years to come. We anticipate that many individuals and families will purchase multiple pavers to recognize both their ancestors and current family members. After production costs are deducted, the balance will be remitted to the Oconto County Office of Forestry and Parks to help defray the expenses for the production and installation of the new historical marker and the “Brick Display” and other enhancements.

Prices

\$75 (4X8 Brick)
\$125 (8X8 Brick)

Our Goal is 150 Engraved Bricks

Memorial Sponsor Bricks will be provided for gifts of \$500 or more. Contact Leon directly if interested.

To ensure that your favorites are in place for the dedication on August 26, 2017, **orders must be submitted no later than May 31.** New bricks will be added once per year. For direct orders without using the website, just complete the order form on page 4 of this newsletter, include a check for the required amount and forward to Leon at the address given on page 4.

Senn Landscaping of Oconto Falls is doing the patio design and installation.

Order at
www.fundraisingbrick.com/couillardville



COUILLARDVILLE PARK MEMORIAL

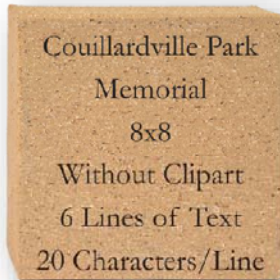
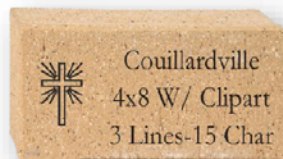
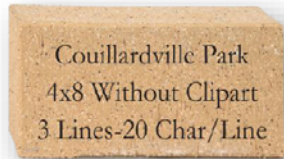
TO ORDER:

Go Online to: www.fundraisingbrick.com/couillardville OR
 Complete this order form and submit along with payment to:
 Leon P. Janssen, 821 Lynnewood Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188

Make Checks Payable To: Friends of Couillardville Park

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- 4X8 Brick Without Clipart **\$75 (3 lines, 20 char/line)**
- 4X8 Brick With Clipart **\$75 (3 lines, 15 char/line)**
- 8X8 Brick Without Clipart **\$125 (6 lines, 20 char/line)**
- 8X8 Brick With Clipart **\$125 (4 lines, 20 char/line)**

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Memorial Sponsors it is expected that the sale of individual bricks will not cover the full cost of the historical marker and the brick paver area. For those who would like to become a sponsor to help cover the added costs, there will be a special 8 X8 brick to recognize **Memorial Sponsor** gifts of at least \$500. Contact Leon Janssen directly if you have interest in becoming a Memorial Sponsor.