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Plans Announced for MSR 16

**Friday, Aug 24th
630 - 930 pm**

Pie and Ice Cream Social and Square Dance.

Bring your favorite pie

Mark Seaman will be back!

Create memories - bring your young family members

**Saturday, Aug 25th
11 am - 230pm**

Antique Demonstrations

Lunch

Program

230pm - 4pm

Threshing Demonstration



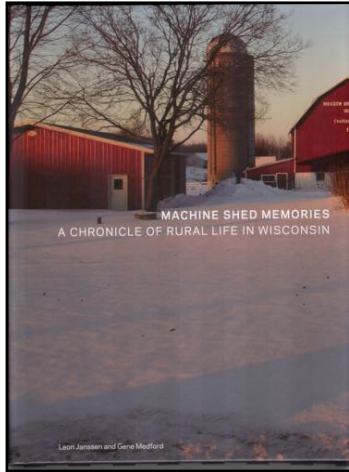
John Konkel, Jack Herald, Merrill and Carl Crawford - April 14, 1976

Celebrating Work on the Farm

Bring a farm tool or implement to demonstrate at MSR16

During MSR 15 in the summer of 2017 we celebrated the community building experience of threshing in Couillardville. One of the suggestions that came from observing the threshing demonstration was encouragement to demonstrate other forms of farm work commonplace in the era of 1850's to the 1950's. Please start thinking about what you will bring. More details on page 2.





Learn About the Families of Couillardville

MACHINE SHED MEMORIES - A Chronicle of Rural Life in Wisconsin is based upon the memories of the families of Couillardville. The book is available for purchase at www.machineshedmemories.com for \$29.95.

Other Couillardville related books are available at www.lulu.com. Search on Couillardville. Titles include Joseph and Julia Jacquart Family, 1928 by Mary Ann Couillard, The Norbert and Grace Carey Family, the Sam and Matilda Couillard Family. Printed books are \$9.95 each and the e-book versions are \$3.99 each. Contact Leon Janssen if you have questions at leonpjanssen@yahoo.com or 262.442.6447.

Couillard Family to be the "Featured Family" June 9 on the FOC Oconto Copperfest Parade Float

All attendees at MSR16 on August 25 invited to participate with an implement or tool

Please bring an actual farm implement or tool from your farm or as in the case of the threshing machine, you may have to find an implement or tool that is similar to the one used in Couillardville by your family for this demonstration. Let us know if we can help you. Here are some ideas for possible implements for tools for display or live demonstration:

1. Any horse drawn implement
2. Any wood working tools: a) a two man cross cut saw cutting logs would be a great demo, b) wood chisels, c) wood planes, d) hand drills, etc.
3. Planting or harvesting tools: a) hand corn or other seed planter, b) hand corn sheller, etc.
4. Household tools a) washing board, b) hand operated washing machine, c) cooking or baking aids.



Mittag Family Early Residents of Couillardville



Alvin and Laura Mittag celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1972 at the Couillardville Community Hall.

Fred Mittag, as a young boy moved with his family, to the Pankow Farm in 1874. Fred used to play with Indian children that lived along a creek across the road. One spring, however, the Indians left (as usual) but failed to return in a week (as usual) - what happened to them no one knew. In 1891 Fred bought the land just north of his parent's farm from Eldred at Stiles. At the time there was an Indian by the name of "Patchnose" living on the land. Fred told him to stay on the land as he was not yet ready to begin building. Fred worked as a cook in the lumber yards. When he returned to his land one spring "Patchnose" was gone. No one know what happened to him. In 1897 Fred married Wilhelmina Bohl from Abrams and moved into a log house on the land. The Cook Brothers owed Fred some back pay from the lumber camps. They offered him as many loads of lumber as he wanted at a \$1 a load.

He got enough loads to build the house, barn and machine shed (he stated 50 loads) The rafters of the barn were put together with wooden pegs. The house was initially built as the two story main section. The kitchen wing was added later. The summer kitchen became the hay loader building. The log house became the chicken coup and pig pen.

Fred and Wilhelmina had three children; Elsie who died of scarlet fever at three, Elvin (spelled Alvin later) and Edna. The day after Christmas in 1906 Wilhelmina died of breast cancer. Fred later married Lena Meade who



died in childbirth in 1916. Alvin grew up on the farm and met Laura Noel when she taught at the Greenwood School in the 1920-1921 school year. They were married in June of 1922. They stayed on the farm for a few months then moved to Oconto where Alvin worked at Holt's saw mill. During this time they had their only child, Lila. After a couple years in town they returned to the farm. In the spring of 1929 Alvin and Laura returned to Oconto to live. Alvin worked wherever he could during the depression. In the spring of 1941 Alvin moved to Peshtigo where he ran a garage and filling station. Continued on pg 4.

When Alvin’s sister and husband later left the farm, Fred was left with no help so he went to Peshtigo to try to convince Alvin and Laura to the return to the farm. They returned and Fred died in 1958 at near age 90.

A year or so later Alvin and Laura sold the cattle and most of the land. They kept the house and surrounding five acres. Alvin worked at the feed mill in Brookside and the Odd Fellows Home in Green Bay. Laura lost a leg due to complications of diabetes. Alvin was almost 80 when he died of pneumonia and exhaustion. At that time, the farm was sold and Laura went to the Odd Fellows Nursing Home in Green Bay. In the spring of 1987 she lost the other leg. She died that fall of a heart attack. Both are buried in the Brookside Cemetery.



Alvin and Laura were active members of the Couillardville Grange and were well respected neighbors.

The information for this story was generously provided by Alvin and Laura’s grandson, Bill Tippett. More stories of the Mittag connections in the Couillardville and Brookside areas will be provided in the future including Bill’s personal stories of working on the Mittag farm in the summer. Bill also eventually married a young Belongia girl who grew up across the road from his grandparents.

Couillardville Park Memorial

May 31st Order Deadline for 2018 Installation



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Thanks for all of the support of this Couillardville Memorial to the families that made this such a special community

MEMORIALS - Remember our dear friends!

SUE GLYNN STAPONKUS (Jan 7, 2018)

GERALD “Boo” WEIGELT (Feb 27, 2018)

Flowers were sent for both from
The Families of Couillardville