

# Territorial News<sup>©</sup>

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## REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held at the Associated Bank Building,  
Room 103, 176 Snelling Ave. St Paul, MN 55104

This room is off the main hallway of the atrium, before you enter the inside bank.  
The meetings start at 10 AM. All are welcome to attend.

November 20, 2010

*Christmas Party - December 4, 2010 - Cherokee Tavern, West St. Paul*

January 16, 2011

February 19, 2011

March 19, 2011

April 16, 2011

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## 2010 Annual Membership Dues

If you have an asterisk after your name i.e. (A)\* you owe \$24.00 for 2010 Annual Dues.  
If you just have (A) after your name, you are in good standing and do not owe for 2010.

Please send your dues to:

Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc.  
176 Snelling Ave N. #328  
St. Paul, MN 55104

Make your check payable to: Minnesota Territorial Pioneers or MTP. Thank You

## HEADLINE

### MTP TRAILER STOLEN DURING FAIR

See story on inside

## BOARD NOTES

We made it through another Fair and with great difficulty, we are announcing the theft of Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. trailer. The Pioneers purchased this 6x10-cargo trailer in 2000 for the purpose of storing items and traveling to different venues, filling it with artifacts and display items. For several years, Mary & Bill Casebolt have stored it behind their home in St. Paul during the Fair. It was stolen from behind their garage sometime during the night on September 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was packed full of empty storage containers, cleaning supplies, artifacts and many miscellaneous items. Local channels KSTP 5 and KARE 11 carried stories on this theft as did the newspapers. During the Fair, we met a media specialist, **Christina Pierson**, who wrote the press releases, contacted the television stations, book stores, and other media outlets for us. She donated her time and expertise and due to her efforts, the trailer was recovered. Sadly, the items in it were not. It looked like the thieves tried to empty it out, took what they wanted and tossed some of it back in. As a result, most of our storage totes were broken or gone, all the cleaning supplies were taken, items were broken, in other words, it was a mess. The trailer was recovered in Richfield by the Richfield police. It was a heartbreaking event. We did not have any specific markings on the trailer other than the license plate, which was stolen, and the VIN number. Richard M., Bill, Mary and Emilie Casebolt have been taking pictures of the items recovered along with documenting what remained. Over the years, as the donations have come in, we have labeled, taken pictures and filed the information. Unfortunately, not all the items on the trailer had been documented. The loss is immeasurable. The Board of Directors is checking on the cost of putting the Pioneer name on the trailer.

We know that, with the economy as it is, times are tough for everyone. We are asking for donations toward the cost of the lettering that will go on the sides of the trailer. We are looking at approximately \$10.00 per square foot of lettering. The estimates so far are averaging about \$500.00 for reflective lettering and our logo, blue print on a white background. This would be on both sides and the back of the trailer. It will make it much harder to steal with permanent markings on the sides. We are also looking for different storage options for next year during the Fair. With the additional expenditures, our corporate budget has been "blown out of the water" for the 2010 fiscal year. We are thankful for all the support that we have received from both the public and our members during this time. The notice of the theft was put on the website immediately, you can check there for more details.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas party on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Christina has been invited as our guest so that we can say a proper thank you for all her hard work. Please join us on that day.

### TIDBITS OF HISTORY

**June 17, 1890** The US Marshal from St. Paul arrests seven census takers in Minneapolis, the opening salvo of the "Twin Cities Census War". St. Paul leaders accused Minneapolis of cooking the books in order to claim the "most populous city". The accusation is proven true; however, St Paul is also found to be padding its numbers, a new count completed on August gives Minneapolis 164,581 and St Paul 133, 156. *Newspaper unknown*



Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc.

invite you to the  
2010 Christmas Party

on

Saturday, December 4, 2010

at

The Cherokee Tavern  
West Saint Paul, MN



Agenda:                    11:30am    Social Hour  
                                  12:00       Luncheon  
                                  Gift Exchange ~& Door prizes to follow luncheon

Menu:                    10 oz Top Sirloin (served medium)  
                                 Broiled Canadian Walleye  
                                 Barbequed Pork Ribs  
                                 Cordon Bleu Chicken served over rice, (no potato)  
*Children's and special dietary needs menu available upon request*

Entries are served with a Cherokee House Salad with homemade dressing, baked potato with sour cream, fresh rolls, butter and choice of beverage, coffee, tea, iced tea, soft drink or milk. Dessert is included.

Please detach and return the reservation form below with a payment of \$22.00 (non-refundable) per person. **Please bring an unwrapped toy for "Toys for Tots"** and, if desired, a gift for the gift exchange.

Mail to:                    Minnesota Territorial Pioneers  
                                 176 Snelling Ave N. #328  
                                 St. Paul, MN 55104  
(Checks payable to the "Minnesota Territorial Pioneers" or MTP.)



**RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 26, 2010**

Questions? Please call the MTP office: 651-379-1849  
or Catherine Harrison 320-629-2231



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Non-refundable)





# Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc.

176 Snelling Avenue N. Suite 328  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104  
651-379-1849

## 2011 Scholarship Application

Full Legal Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (including area code) \_\_\_\_\_

School currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated College: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of College: \_\_\_\_\_

### Eligibility - Read Carefully

- You must be 12<sup>th</sup> grade and above and accepted at an accredited Junior or academic college or university. This school **must** be located within the original Minnesota territorial boundaries as described by the U.S. Congress. Check [www.sos.state.mn.us/student/history.html](http://www.sos.state.mn.us/student/history.html) for more information. The applicant does not need to live within the territorial boundaries.
- **Essay Topic:** The essay question is "What person played a significant role in the Minnesota territory and influenced the region to this day?" The Minnesota territory was organized on March 3, 1849 and existed until statehood, May 11, 1858.
- **Essay Length & format:** A minimum of 750 words but no more than 1500, not including the bibliography. The essay must be submitted using Microsoft Word in Arial, Tahoma or Calibri font, size 12 and double-spaced with 1" margins in the MLA format. Answers.com and Wikipedia are not acceptable Bibliography resources.
- Membership in the MTP organization is not required. MTP Board of Directors and their immediate families are not eligible.

### Deadlines and Information

- A paper copy of the essay **must** be submitted along with this application, postmarked by March 1, 2011 and sent electronically to [mnterritorialpioneers@yahoo.com](mailto:mnterritorialpioneers@yahoo.com) by midnight CST March 1, 2011.
- The scholarship recipient will be announced after **April 16, 2011**.
- Essays will be judged for historical accuracy, interest and content. Judges are members of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. The winning essay will be published by the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. in their newsletter and announced at our Annual Membership Meeting on May 7, 2011.
- The \$500 scholarship will be paid directly to the college upon proof of the student's first-term attendance and passing grades. Funds will be applied towards the student's second-term tuition and/or fees.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Disclosure:** Failure to provide the above information makes you ineligible for this scholarship. All personal information will remain confidential. All essays submitted become the property of the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. All applicants will be notified their status. This application may be copied.

### How did you hear about the scholarship?

\_\_\_\_ Minnesota Territorial Pioneers (newsletter/website) \_\_\_\_ High School Counselor/Teacher/Staff  
\_\_\_\_ Friend/Family Member \_\_\_\_ Scholarship Search Website (list site \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ Other

**Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc.**  
**RECIPE/HELPFUL HINTS SUBMISSION FORM**  
**(ONE RECIPE PER PAGE)**

**Recipe Category** (please circle one)

Appetizers, Beverages, & Dips  
Soups & Salads  
Breads & Rolls  
Vegetables & Side Dishes

Main Dishes & Meats  
Desserts  
Cookies & Candy  
Miscellaneous

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recipe Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Submitted by:

(PRINT EXACTLY AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR IN THE BOOK)

**INGREDIENTS:**

List of abbreviations:

C. = cup; tsp. = teaspoon; Tblsp = tablespoon; lb. = pound; oz. = ounces; pkg. = package; pt. = pint; qt. = quart

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**DIRECTIONS:** (PLEASE BE VERY CLEAR AND THOROUGH IN YOUR INSTRUCTIONS)

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Any special history/notes on this recipe: \_\_\_\_\_

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If necessary, continue on back of sheet. Please circle OVER

**HELPFUL HINTS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 2011 Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc.



Hello members!

Once again, the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. is awarding a \$500 scholarship for the 2011-2012 school year! Students who are interested can now access the "Student Application" on the MTP website, by first clicking on the "Scholarship Program" tab. I am in the process of posting it on the FastWeb scholarship site for students.

They do not have to be members of the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers in order to be eligible, but must be in 12<sup>th</sup> grade or above and show proof of acceptance by a higher education institution that is located within the boundaries of the Minnesota Territory, as designated by the U.S. Congress. This does include part of the Dakotas and so please checkout the website <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/student/history.html> for more information and maps.

All applicants must submit an essay, the topic this year: **"What person played a significant role in the Minnesota territory and influences the region to this day?"** This person must have been in Minnesota during territorial times. Submissions must not be less than 750 or over 1500 words in length, double-spaced with 1" margins in MLA format. Bibliography is also required. The essay must be submitted both in written form and by some electronic media i.e. email, CD, flash drive etc. Essays that do not meet application requirements will be disqualified. The 2011-2012 scholarship will be paid directly to the school the award recipient attends and will be applied towards the student's second-term tuition.



The application this year is due **March 1, 2011**. The winning essay will be published by the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. Please see the application form in this newsletter. For additional information not listed on the website or application, contact the MTP office at 651-379-1849, [mnterritorialpioneers@yahoo.com](mailto:mnterritorialpioneers@yahoo.com) or check out our website: [mnterritorialpioneers.org](http://mnterritorialpioneers.org)

*Azielle Taylor, Education Chair*

### TIDBITS OF HISTORY

#### ***Maud Hart Lovelace's Novel of Frontier Days to be Started Monday***

Frontier days in Minnesota, particularly in St. Paul and at Fort Snelling form the setting for the new novel "Early Candlelight" by Maud Hart Lovelace, which will begin serially in the Dispatch Monday.

It will be the first serial publication of the story, made possible through special arrangement with Mrs. Lovelace, who was anxious that it appear in the city whose early scenes she so vividly described.

The author, a native of Mankato, is the wife of Delos W. Lovelace, also an author whose short stories have appeared in many of the leading national magazines. She also wrote "Black Angela".

Mrs. Lovelace, who maintains a summer residence in MN, grew up in the Minnesota river valley. Her father was Thomas W. Hart, for many years treasurer of Blue Earth county. At the age of ten she began submitting stories for publication, her first success coming at the age of 17.

Names of early settlers in MN appear from time to time in "Early Candlelight". Pigs Eye Parrant who sold whisky to the Indians on an island not far from St. Paul, Vetal Guerin who gave the site for the present Court House and City Hall, Johnathan Carver who discovered Carver's Cave under the East Side bluffs and numerous others who came by river boat to carve a civilization out of the wilderness paraded through the pages of the novel.

Many scenes of the story are laid in the colonel's quarters at Fort Snelling, now occupied by Colonel W. C. Sweeney, commanding the Third Infantry regiment. *Date and newspaper unknown.*

# WISH LIST

As usual, we are looking to our members for donations of time and money towards some of our larger projects.

**Carpenters/Wood Workers:** We have several pieces of furniture that need re-gluing, cleaning and putting back together. If you have any talents in that direction or do it for a hobby and the room to do it we would appreciate your help.

**Hand knit goods:** well, we sold out! With winter coming, please take the time to get out the crochet hooks and knitting needles and make some washcloths, scarves and slippers. We also are looking for counted cross-stitch, embroidered items or other homemade items. We need clean material that we can use on the loom such as strips of cloth, mainly cotton or cotton polyester. Thanks.

## Pioneer Activities Past, Present & Future!

Oct. 12-17 - Big Muddy Island, Winona, MN

Feb. 7, 2011 - Anoka Genealogy Society  
United Methodist Church  
Coon Rapids, MN

Feb. 12-13, 2011 - Albert Lea Hist. Trade Fair  
Albert Lea, MN

March 14-15, 2011 Rendezvous/Trade Faire  
New Ulm, MN

## DONATIONS

**Sweet Martha's Cookie Jar**  
General Operating Fund - \$150.00

**James Eckert**  
General Operating Fund - \$41.42

**Arielle Taylor**  
General Operating Fund - \$42.00

**Gary Hanson**  
CDs of pictures from the Fair

**Gordon Whitaker**  
For Storage containers-\$150.00

**Krista & Mathew Hutchinson**  
In honor of Judge Paul Anderson  
\$300.00

**William Minish**  
Family History of Stener Mikkelson &  
Ingebon Jendotter Mikkelson

**Peggy Gellerman Price**  
Handmade Goods  
Given to us by **Patricia Hamilton**

**Elaine Dalager**  
Knit washcloths

**Marilyn Hromadko**  
Historic Newspaper Clippings

**Kay Harsila**  
General Operating Fund - \$20.00

**Sam Fudenberg**  
Life of John Albert Johnson - book  
MN Heritage Magazines - Jan & July 2010

**Recipes**  
Ruby Geisinger  
Alice DuBois Holz  
Laurel Krinke  
Bonnie Brixius Sherman

*We are still in need of recipes that have been passed down through the generations along with any helpful hints you know of. Please continue sending them in. Thank You!*

We need about **250** recipes before we can start the publishing process. Our count is up to 86. Please remember that we need recipes that are not out of other cookbooks.

Please remember that all donations made to the Pioneers are tax deductible.

# Thanks for the Fair Memories

2010 Minnesota State Fair has gone in the archives. It was hot, it was cold, it was rainy, it was very dusty & windy and it was beautiful weather. Sales were not as good as last year but we expected that. Volunteers were not as plentiful as last year, we were hoping for more. It was a quiet Fair all around. But... there is always next year to look forward to. We introduced several new items this year, birch bark canisters, carved wooden barrettes, beautifully painted hair clips, small carved wooden boxes and dream catchers, metal replicas (pencil sharpeners) of a stove, wall telephone and covered wagon and puzzles for both kids and adults. We want to thank the volunteers who worked: **Nicole Jensen, Michele Jensen, Joe Malinovsky, Arielle Taylor, Amy Jensen, Richard MacNabb, Joe Lepsche, Lonnie Bellin, Katie Mytty, Elaine Mrak, Allison Mrak, Wally London, Teri Kysylyczyn, Mike Robin, Catherine Harrison, Katy Johnson, Richard Bartz, Karla Komec, Roberta Everling, Richard Sandeen, Mary Vavrosky, Douglas Mackey, Frank Braun, Carl Ahlberg and Emilie Casebolt.**

**Gene Ewer, Mary V., Amy, Shelly & Nicole Jensen Mike Robin and Richard M.,** all showed up before the Fair to help clean and arrange the display beforehand. Good thing they were there to push me along. I was busy getting my daughter Emilie, off to college. I really do not like the schools starting before Labor Day.

**Karla, Marlene & Sandy Andreson** made the new piano sing; everyone loved the beautiful tones emanating from the Log Cabin, there were even "sing-a-longs"! However, the piano will need some tuning before next Fair. Does anyone out there do that? They also each took a turn at the organ. For an organ that dates to 1849, it sounds really good. **Timbre Junction** returned to a rousing welcome. **Gene Ewer**, of course, was a hit with the kids cutting out his paper animals; **Marlene Mechelke** once again revived the memories of the fairgoers, remembering watching their grandmothers and aunts tatting doilies and small decorations.

When the trailer was stolen, it was a depressing end to the Fair. It was hard packing things away without the storage totes that were taken. We want to thank **Gordon Whitaker** for stepping up and donating the funds to replace the totes. He also came after the Fair, helped us pack away, clean, move the bigger furniture so that we could store it. He offered and we put him to work. What a guy!

I hope that I did not miss anyone. Many of the people volunteer more than once! At the end of the Fair, I am kind of "fried" and am lucky I can find my way home or even remember that I have one. Mary and I really appreciate all the hard work that the Board puts in along with the members who have volunteered throughout the years. This is a great organization and the proof is in the many calls and help that everyone offers. Kudos to everyone!

**Bill Casebolt**, State Fair Chair



## 1900 LOG CABIN

During this past Fair, a fairgoer, Gene Heezen, stopped by and talked with our demonstrator and member, Gene Ewer. He requested a copy of the picture that we have of the original log cabin on the fairgrounds. Gene generously made a copy of that picture and gave it to Mr. Heezen. He discussed with me about the possibility of re-creating that cabin as a model that we could put on display. To the left is a picture of the completed model cabin. Gene has also asked for a history of that cabin which he is going to frame and donate both to the

Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. He has won many awards and ribbons for his work. His only request was to include a picture of this model and the history in a book that he is writing. We are honored that he has chosen our cabin as a project that he wanted to do. As you can see by the picture, the detail is exact right down to the curtains in the windows. Some of you may even remember the original cabin. Many a party was held on that veranda, cabin visitors rested on the porch and parties were always held to commemorate our heritage. The Pioneers used to host the veterans from the Old Soldiers Home in Minneapolis during the Fair. Picnics were held during the Fair for all the members to come to. The second floor housed the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers, Inc. library. This building was torn down after the 1957 State Fair and replaced by the Log Cabin now on the same site. Mr. Heezen has asked to do an official dedication on the first day of the 2011 State Fair at the current Log Cabin. We are going to ask him to present it to the Pioneers at the 2011 Annual Membership Meeting so that our members can see it before we take it to the Log Cabin. Then, we will have the official presentation at the Fair. We will be asking the news media to attend that event. Please keep the date of the Annual Meeting open, May 7, 2011, and plan on attending so that we can all say an old fashioned THANK YOU to Gene Heezen.

## TIDBITS OF HISTORY

### "Ifs and Ands in Meeker County History"

It used to be a common retort of the writer's grandfather when excuses for mistakes or wrongdoings were offered by the use of the word "if", to shout the words "If ifs and Ands were kettles and pans there would be no need of a tinker." He nearly cured me of the use of the word (if) but nevertheless it might be interesting to the readers of hodge podge to use a few ifs in connection with Meeker county history.

--Here goes--

- If the owners of Darwin Townsite had not placed too high a value on the lots owned by them in contrast with the prices asked at Litchfield, it might have won the contest with Litchfield and Forest City in the county seat contest. Ditto—Forest City.
- If the plans and purposes of Father Burns' of Darwin had met the approval of the Benedictine order of the Catholic Church, Darwin would have been the seat of St. John's College now located at Collegeville.
- On June 26, 1856, Rudolph Schultz, Charles Johnson and James W. Quick raised a liberty pole in Forest City with a small tin pan nailed to its top for a ball. The flag raised on this pole was home made. T. C. Jewett donated his Sunday go to meeting shirt to furnish the white, Mat Standish his red flannel underwear and John Huy his blue denim overalls to emphasize their sacrificial patriotism. The celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> of that year was the first celebration of the nation's birthday in Meeker County.

*Author, date and newspaper unknown*

THIS IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES ON THE BOUNDARIES OF MINNESOTA.

## **MINNESOTA'S FIRST STATE BOUNDARY.**

### *Part 3: The Forgotten Border*

Minnesota's first state boundary is also its' least known. Only twenty miles from the northeast corner of Minnesota lay Isle Royale. In 1783, there were rumors of vast, varied types of minerals in the wilderness beyond the north shore of Lake Superior and on Isle Royale. Benjamin Franklin heard of these rumors in France and insisted in the Treaty of Paris, that Britain cede to the United States all the territory from Pigeon Point to the mouth of the St. Louis River and including Isle Royale. By obtaining this territory for the United States, Franklin felt this was one of his greatest achievements.

In 1837, when Michigan was admitted to the Union, Isle Royale was made part of that state. It would have been logical for Isle Royal to be part of Minnesota, because of its' close proximity. But the United States Government felt it was imperative to have Isle Royal part of a state rather than remain part of a territory as soon as possible. The reasoning was: because of the strategic location, possible mineral wealth and any further claims of the British Government. So, that is why Isle Royale is part of the State of Michigan and the only way to access the island is from Minnesota.

*Next in the series, Part 4; The Southern Boundary*

### *Curators' Corner*

Another Minnesota "GREAT GET TOGETHER" has come and gone. Got the cabin all together, and packed away the display at Heritage Square. I had a chance to meet many interesting people from all over the United States, and some that were visiting from other countries. I talked with them about the history of Minnesota and about our heritage and ancestry. Good times!

Since the fair, I have been quite busy with Rendezvous' throughout the state. Traveling from Aitkin, which is a new venue for us, to Winona, MN. (Mantorville was cancelled because of flooding). The new birch containers were quite the hit, and we sold quite a few of them.

During the Fair, you heard that the trailer was stolen. After the recovery of the trailer, Mary C, Bill C and I went through the contents to find that storage tubs had been destroyed or taken; also some of the items are missing (an inventory is in progress to determine what is missing) such as a number of books, a "First Communion" Set, and the loom that was being stored seemed to be kicked apart. Articles of clothing, and hand made goods were there, but a little disheveled. These items have been repacked again. It has been decided that we will take pictures of items in the collection and correspond them with note cards, in order to keep an inventory of our collection. This will also be done when donations come into the collection.

During the Picnic we had before the fair, Catherine Harrison came with a box of items to donate. In this box was a alligator purse, a hand bag, a beaver collar and muff, some wooden knitting needles, a selection of hat pins, a wooden pill box, and a number of small bottles (medicine), a beaded handbag, in need of repair and other smaller items. Thank you, Catherine, for donating these items. They are an asset to the collection. I am still looking for men's and children's clothing. Nevertheless, do not forget any items will help build our collections!

See you at the Christmas Party in December.

*Richard MacNabb, Curator*

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**DECEMBER 4, 2010**

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**AT**

**CHEROKEE TAVERN**

**BRING THE FAMILY AND/OR A FRIEND  
AND COME AND HELP US  
CELEBRATE THE SEASON**

**SEE RESERVATION FORM FOR DETAILS**