



Hawks Inn Newsletter

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We Teach and Preserve History

How Do We Do That? One Way is Through Archives

We are developing a collection that reflects our Delafield community. To date, we are focusing on visual items of interest.

For some time we had begun to organize and file the bags and boxes of clippings and donated photos that had accumulated in the upstairs office of the History Center.

With the generous hospitality of the Town Bank, we formally kicked off our efforts in August of 2014 by unveiling the first of our albums of photo archives. Since then, the number of materials and topics has expanded greatly and now includes the collections below.

- Margaret Zerwekh Postcard Collection
- Images • Maps • Publications
- Newspaper Clippings • Documents (Diaries/Journals) • Other

Our Delafield People Archive

To date, we have filled five large albums with clippings and pictures about people who have contributed in some way to the Delafield area. The names range from Aicher to Zick. Others, as in our former curator Jim Babcock, and Margaret Zerwekh, have separate books as do each of the Cushing brothers.



Digital Archives

Through monies received from a Wisconsin Humanities Recovery Grant in 2021, the Delafield History Center began digitizing materials in our archives, starting with the Margaret Zerwekh Postcard Collection. We were able to purchase the technology necessary and found excellent volunteers with the required skills.

On our website: hawksinn.org, the digital archive most recently includes fascinating photos and the 124 year history of a well known Lake Nagawicka property. Beginning in 1902, there were many uses, owners and renaming until its longest for 39 years as Weissgerber's Seven Seas before the Commodore Restaurant opened in 2024.

Delafield Then and Now Albums

There are now 31 albums of Then and Now Albums available for viewing and stored on carts in the main room of the History Center.

An example from the Milwaukee Street-Book 1 of 4 (194 to Lake Street) is the Smiley Barn. There are photos from its origin as a working dairy barn in 1897, through its various iterations until in 2018 the new owners restored the color and the smile that had once been so popular.

Did you know that Delafield once had a ski jump? (On the hill above the present Olive Garden) We have photos of that from 1916.

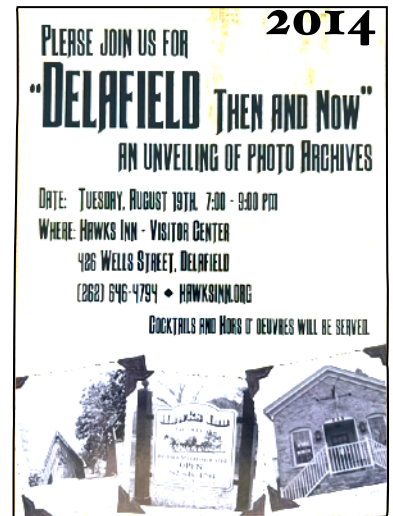
There have been seven locations of the Delafield Post Office, starting with Hawks Inn. We have photos of each one through the decades.

Having one or more albums: Genesee and Main Streets; Lake Nagawicka; St. John's Academy; St. John's Chrysostom; Lapham Peak State Park; The Interurban; Early Settlers; Hawks Inn; and more.

Recently donated to the collection is a notebook of history and photos of the Nagawatics Water Ski Club.

If you have any photos to add to our albums, please bring them in and we will copy and return them.

The History Center is open on Wednesdays from 9 to noon and Saturdays from 1 to 4. Stop in and take some time to see our album collections, our research library, our map collection, and the current art exhibit. If you haven't toured the Inn recently, that's also a fine summer activity.



Join Hawks Inn for an

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Hidden Treasures



Saturday, August 1

Yard Sale: 10 AM–4 PM • **Ice Cream Social:** 1–4 PM
426 Wells St, Delafield, WI 53018

Featuring ice cream from Here's the Scoop and
root beer from Delafield Brewhaus

*Spend an afternoon enjoying root beer floats, live
bluegrass, antique treasures, and the charm of Hawks Inn.*

Coming Events

Winter Magic.....7 to 9 pm Friday, December 4

Sip a stone fence and enjoy an enchanting evening

Christmas at the Inn1 to 4 pm, Saturday, December 5

Experience the sights and aromas of a 19th century Christmas

Stay tuned for more!

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Your donation will help preserve the Hawks Inn and Delafield History's
educational and cultural opportunities we offer for all.

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