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Iowa County Agricultural Society pg.579

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An enclosure of five acres contiguous to the town hall (Dodgeville) was prepared for the reception of live stock , and the adjoining town hall was utilized for a display of treasures selected from the kingdoms of art, manufactures and agriculture. The premium list aggregated \$138.75. President Billings delivered the opening oration. The fair was held on October 1, 1856. In the ensuing year, none but members were allowed to exhibit, but as each exhibitor could qualify on payment of \$1, the objection provided a profitable income to the society. The dates of this exhibit were September 16 and 17, 1857. The rate of admission was limited to one dime (\$.10). The fairs of 1858 and 1859 occupied the original location. The latter exhibition was painfully marked by a regrettable accident, which resulted in the death of a Miss Wells, who, by the collapse of a revolving swing, sustained fatal injuries. During 1859, provided the society purchased twenty acres of land of Col. Thomas Stephens for a fair ground. Four acres were sold, and the money thus was expended in the construction of fences and suitable buildings. Here the fair has been held up to date (1881). (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.579).

Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association -

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- This was the first Agricultural Society in Wisconsin. According to, "Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, A History", Wisconsin did not establish a State Agricultural Society until 1853. The County Agricultural Societies were not established until 1856. (Resource: "Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, A History", training manual, published in 2002. Pg. 9-10).
- Spring of 1850 effected the region with a lull in business due to miners of the community moving to California during the gold rush. "Business was restored to equanimity in 1851 and 1852, when a reflux set in, and money was received from the gold fields to cheer the desolate ones at home." (pg.678). "On January 30, 1851, California fever broke out anew in this district, and from primary indications, promised to surpass the exodus of the preceding spring." (pg. 679) (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN.).
- 1851 Cholera Plague - "Southwest Wisconsin was a scene of total confusion in the year 1849 and again in 1851, when Asiatic Cholera spread into the area. Almost all business ceased and many people abandoned their homes. Bonfires were kept burning and disinfectants were used liberally. A survivor had this recollection:
 "When the plague came, almost everyone in the villages picked up a few belongings, abandoned their houses, and rushed to the open prairie to live until the disease had passed."
 ("Walking Tour of Historic Dodgeville, Wisconsin". Dodgeville Historic Preservation Commission. Published August 1995. Feature #10)
- "In 1850, the Asiatic Cholera ran wild through some portions of the county, and scores in the apparent enjoyment of buoyant health suddenly took on the pale seal of the Master of Immortality and were laid to rest in the village churchyard. To attempt to trace the ravages of the epidemic would be futile indeed... Here the contagion made its appearance in the middle of July, and lasted until the latter part of August." (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 747).

1855

- "The first band was organized in 1855; the town board had charge of the instruments, which were bought by subscription. Josiah Paull was the leader of this band, which held together until about 1859." (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 754). It is probably a safe guess that this band played during the first fair in 1856 until 1859. It also states another band was started in 1860-1874 and as of 1881 is sounds as if the band is fading and in need of recruiting.

1856:

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: H.M. Billings

Vice President: Samuel Hendy, Levi Sterling, L.W. Joiner

Secretary: George Messersmith

Treasurer: Phillip Eddy

Dates: October 1 & 2, 1856 (Dodgeville)

Annual Address: H.M. Billings

Receipts: None listed

Distribution: \$195.66

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.580).

- "Legislature authorized the creation of county agricultural societies (ch.74, Laws of 1856). Two years later, the legislature appropriated \$100 to each county agricultural society that raised a matching amount (ch. 53, Law of 1858). County agricultural societies used the funds for county fair premiums and other expenses." (Resource: "Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, A History", training manual, published in 2002. Pg. 10).

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1857:

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: H.M. Billings

Vice President: S. Hendy, Levi Sterling, Caleb Sylvester

Secretary: L.H. D. Crane

Treasurer: Richard Arundell

Dates: September 16 & 17, 1857 (Dodgeville)

Receipts: None listed

Distribution: None listed

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- “The first train arrived in Mineral Point June 17, 1857” (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 530).
- “The gold fever of 1849 had its effect upon the miners here, as elsewhere, and the panic of 1857 retarded somewhat the growth of the village, but during the War of the Rebellion business again increased, the value of mineral was greatly enhanced and the apathy consequent to the panic was overcome.”(Resource: “Memoirs of Iowa County Wisconsin” Vol. 1, In 2 vol.. Edited by George and Robert Crawford. Published: Northwestern Historical Association 1913. pg.181).

1858:

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: H. M. Billings

Vice President: S. Hendy, Levi Sterling

Secretary: L.H. D. Cane

Treasurer: Richard Arundell

Date: October 1 & 2, 1858 (Dodgeville)

Receipts: None listed

Distribution: None listed

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- The County Seat War began. “The first presentment of the impending trouble, loomed up on the political horizon in 1855, when two petitions were presented to the Legislature, praying for the removal of the county seat (Dodgeville was making the request). One memorial, comprising 1,300 signatures, favored the selection of Dodgeville, and the other representing the views of 600 voters, urged the eligibility of Linden.”(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.517).

“...The majority of your committee are well acquainted with all sections and portions of the county of Iowa, and, while they readily admit the fact, that, in ordinary cases, the county seat should be as near as practicable to the geographical center of the county, yet there may be, and often are, instances where it is equally or more convenient and desirable to the whole people of the county, as a community, that the seat of justice should be located at a point quite remote from the geographical center. Such an instance, in the opinion of your committee, is presented by the county of Iowa, as at present exhibited and settled...The County seat of Iowa County as at present bounded and organized, was located at Mineral Point by a vote of the people, after a spirited contest in 1847, since which time the inhabitants of the county have with great unanimity acquiesced in its permanent location there. At that point, the county has all the necessary buildings for county purposes.” (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.517).

“The question of removal was mooted again in 1858 (the first year Mineral Point decided to break away and have their own Fair), and a bill introduced into Legislature, submitting the question to the vote of the electors at the general elections in the following November. This bill passed a final reading and was approved April 28, 1858.” (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 517). After much legislation and involving the military to control the anger between the two cities the Supreme Court became involved a final decision was reached on July 11, 1859 for the County Seat be in Dodgeville versus Mineral Point. (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 518).

Mineral Point - Industrial Arts Union

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer: John F. Tramel

Dates: October 13 & 14, 1858

- The newspaper article, 'Weekly Tribune, October 18, 1858; "List of Premiums"', states that this is the first Fair Mineral Point has held. "Awarded by the Mineral Point Industrial Art Union, at their First Annual Fair held at Mineral Point on the 13th and 14th days of October 1858." No newspaper article prior has indicated any different.

1859

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: H.M. Billings

Vice President: L.W. Joiner, John U. Baker, John Ellwood

Secretary: C.G. Blessing

Treasurer: Richard Arundell

Dates: October 6 & 7, 1859 (Dodgeville)

Receipts: \$476.80

Disbursements: \$ 542.25

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 580).

Mineral Point- Industrial Arts Union

President.: General John B. Terry

Vice Presidents: John Bracken, Colonel Thomas Stevens, James R. Ross.

Secretary: John P. Tramel

Treasurer: L. H. Writtlesey

Executive Committee for the Industrial Arts Union:

T. S. Allen, Mineral Point.

James Toay and C. W. Newell, Linden

John Van Meter, Fayette

Moses Whitesides, Elk Grove

George Messersmith, Dodgeville

William P. Ruggle, Ridgeway

Chas H. Cox, Mineral Point

L. M. Strong, Highland

John Adams, Adamsville

Major Barton, Warren, Illinois

James Prideaux, Grant County.

(Resource : Newspaper article from the Weekly Tribune. January, 1859. "Industrial Arts Union")

1860

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: H. M. Billings

Vice President: Thomas Stephens, L.W. Joiner, Joseph Roberts

Secretary: L.M. Strong

Treasurer: Richard Arundell

Dates: October 3, 4, & 5 1860 (Dodgeville)

Receipts: \$913.75

Disbursements: \$982.75

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Mineral Point- Industrial Art Union

Dates:

- Interesting fact- First time they attempted a three day fair versus a two day fair.
- County War Seat 1860's "During the early '60's (1860's) the struggle known as the county seat war (described elsewhere) took

place, and one thing is very apparent, that the moving spirits of Dodgeville achieved a triumph as creditable to their enterprise as it was advantageous to the north of the county.” (Resource: “Memoirs of Iowa County Wisconsin” Vol. 1, In 2 vol.. Edited by George and Robert Crawford. Published: Northwestern Historical Association 1913. pg. 181).

- County Seat brought Dirty Hollow and Minersville together to form one community.- “As the rough assortment of dwellings evolved from a mining camp into a village; stores, taverns, groceries, and shops of all kinds vied for business. The amount of commerce transacted in Dirty Hollow outpaced its rival settlement, Dodgeville, until 1860’s. After the Courthouse was built, activity gradually shifted up the street to new and more spacious commercial blocks along Iowa Street.” (“Walking Tour of Historic Dodgeville, Wisconsin”. Dodgeville Historic Preservation Commission. Published August 1995. 2nd half of feature #30)

1861

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: H.M Billings

Vice President: D. McFarland, William P. Ruggles, L.M. Strong

Secretary: S.W. Reese

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins

Dates: None recorded *History of Iowa County 1881*

Receipts: \$580.70

Disbursements:\$ 495.27

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.580).

- Civil War -“In 1861, the ominous cry of “To Arms! To arms!” was wafted over the land, and came, with its forbidding clangor, to arouse the energies and activities of the citizens of Mineral Point” (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 697).

1862

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: L.W. Joiner

Vice President: John Ellwood, John B. Terry, G.C. Meigs

Secretary: S.W. Reese

Treasurer: S. Hoskins

Dates: September 17, 18, & 19, 1862 (Dodgeville)

Receipts: None listed

Disbursements: None listed

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1863

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: L.W. Joiner

Vice President: John Ellwood, J. McFarland,, Francis Little

Secretary: R. Arundell

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins

Dates: September 23, 24, & 25, 1863 (Dodgeville)

Receipts: \$511.50

Disbursements: \$ 394.88

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General Committee of the Iowa County Agricultural Society:

Alexander McCutchin, Arena

Chas. Hope, Dodgeville (Village)

G.W. Standart, Dodgeville (Town)

John Lemon, Highland

Francis Little, Linden

Caleb Sylvester, Mifflin

Harker Spencely, Mineral Point (Town)

Jas. Argall, Mineral Point (City)

W. Robinson, Moscow

O.P. Underwood, Pulaski
Joseph Roberts, Ridgeway
A.B. Ferris, Waldwick
Isaac H. Fann, Wyoming
(Source; Newspaper article, "Iowa County Fair" September 25, 1863)

1864

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: James Toay

Vice President: John Ellwood, James McFarland, John Adams

Secretary: J.A. Slye

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins

Dates: October 13, 14, & 15, 1864

Receipts: \$834.62

Disbursements: \$ 617.64

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1865

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: James Toay

Vice President: L.M. Strong, William P. Ruggles, John Ellwood

Secretary: Richard Arundell

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins

Dates: September 29 & 30, 1865

- Went back to a two day fair versus a three day fair. Have had a three day fair for the past four years (1860-1864)

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- August 23, 1865 has a newspaper article stating this is the 10th annual fair held in Dodgeville and it also list the constitution of the "Iowa County Agricultural Society".

1866

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: George W. Standardt

Vice President: W.J. Bennett, L.M. Strong, John Ellwood

Secretary: Henry Dunstan

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins

Dates: October 2 & 3, 1866

Receipts: \$757.39

Disbursements: \$ 543.47

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1867

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: John Ellwood

Vice President: Robert Wilson, A.J. Slye, Richard Arundell

Secretary: Henry Dunstan

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins

Dates: October 2 & 3, 1866

Receipts: \$1,518.05

Disbursements: \$1,518.05

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- The first year records that the fair gave out in disbursements the same amount they brought in as receipts. In 1859 & 1860 the fair reports paying out more money in disbursements than they received in receipts. However, all other years reported up to this point shows that more money was earned in receipts than what was paid out in disbursements.
- The State Legislature created the office of Treasury Agent to enforce the "Hawkers and Peddlers" Law (ch. 176, Laws of 1867).

(Resource: "Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, A History", training manual, published in 2002. Pg. 12).

1868

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: John Ellwood

Vice President: Robert Wilson, Charles Hope, Richard Arundell

Secretary: Orville Strong

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins

Date: September 22, 23, & 24, 1868

Receipts: \$1,104.23

Distributions: \$869.13

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1869

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: John Ellwood

Vice President: S.W. Joiner, H. W. Jones, Chris Nelson

Secretary: Orville Strong

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins

Date: September 22,23 & 24, 1869

Receipts: \$1,104.23

Distributions: \$ 869.13

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- Interesting fact that the receipts and the distributions were the exact same down to the penny from the previous year.

1870

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: John Ellwood

Vice President: James Toay, William E Rowe, Harker Spensley

Secretary: W.L. Abbott

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskin

Dates: October 5, 6, & 7, 1870

Receipts: \$3,123.60

Disbursement: \$3,123.60

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Mineral Point- Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President: James Toay (Linden)

Vice President:

Secretary: S. D. Gaylord

Treasurer: George Henry

Dates: September 8, 9, 10, 1870

Receipts: None listed

Disbursement: None listed

(Resource: Newspaper article from the Dodgeville Chronicle August 4, 1870)

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1871

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: John Ellwood

Vice President: James Toay, L.W. Joiner, William E. Rowe

Secretary: John T. Pryor

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins

Dates: September 20, 21, &22, 1871

Receipts: \$1499.68

Disbursement: \$ 1,314.87

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Mineral Point- Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President: James Toay (Linden)

Vice President: William Bainbridge, (Mifflin) Isaac Comfort (Eden), Charles Dunn (M.P.), John J. Van Metre (or Vanmetra)(Fayette)

Secretary: S.D. Gaylord

Treasurer: George Henry

Receipts: None listed

Disbursement: None listed

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1872

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: Samuel W. Reese

Vice President: James Toay, W.E. Rowe, John Lees

Secretary: John T. Pryor

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins

Dates: September 17, 18 &19, 1872

Receipts: \$1,066.81

Disbursements: \$1,069.64

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Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President: James Toay

Vice President: William Buckingham, J.B. Johnson, I.C. Comfort, S. Harker

Secretary: T.S. Ansley

Treasurer: Thomas Priestly

Receipts: None listed

Disbursement: None listed

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1873

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: Joel Whitman

Vice President: William Rowe, J. Hallum, Clark Hickcox

Secretary: John Ralph

Treasurer: Richard Carter

Dates: September 10, 11, &12, 1873

Receipts: \$1,366

Disbursements: \$ 1,321.95

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Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President: James Toay

Vice President: I.C. Comfort, J.B. Johnson, N. K. Van Metre, Cornelius De Long, J. McWilliam

Secretary: T.S. Ansley

Treasurer: Thomas Priestley

Receipts: None listed

Disbursements: None listed

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1874

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: Joel Whitman

Vice President: William Rowe, J. Hallum, Clark Hickcox

Secretary: John Ralph

Treasurer: Richard Carter

Dates: September 23,24 & 25, 1874

Receipts: None listed

Disbursements: None listed

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.581).

Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President: John H. Vivian

Vice President: I.C. Comfort, J.Clowney, C. De Long, N. K. Van Metre, William Buckingham

Secretary: T.S. Ansley

Treasurer: Thomas Priestly

Receipts: None listed

Disbursements: None listed

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.706).

1875

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: John Ellwood

Vice President: Richard Wade, Clark Hickcox, Joseph Hallum

Secretary: J.T. Prior

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins

Dates: September 29, 30 & October 1, 1875

Receipts: None listed

Disbursements: None listed

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881.Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.581).

Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President: R.D. Pulford

Vice President: I.C. Comfort, J.C. Kirkpatrick, John Clowney, J.H. Earnest, J.J. Davis

Secretary: T.S. Ansley

Treasurer: Thomas Priestley

Receipts: None listed

Disbursements: None listed

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.706).

1876

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: John Ellwood

Vice President: C.C. Watkins

Secretary: J.T. Pryor Jr.

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins

Dates: September 26, 27 & 28, 1876

Receipts: \$2,115.76

Disbursement: \$1,625.65

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.581).

Mineral Point- Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President: J.H. Vivian

Vice Presidents: William Lanyon, G.C. Weathersby, J. J. Davis, I.C. Comfort, J.C. Kirkpatrick

Secretary: T.S. Ansley

Treasurer: Thomas Priestley

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.706).

1877

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: John Ellwood

Vice President: James Toay, Clark Hickcox, T. M. Jones

Secretary: J.T. Pryor Jr.

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins

Dates: September 25, 26 & 27, 1877

Receipts: None listed

Disbursement: None listed

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.581).

Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President: J.H. Vivian

Vice President: I.C. Comfort, W. Lanyon Jr., J. C. Kirkpatrick, W. Buckingham

Secretary: T.S. Ansley

Treasurer: Thomas Priestley

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 706).

1878

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: John Ellwood

Vice President: James Toay, Clark Hickcox, T.M Jones

Secretary: James J. Hoskins

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins

Dates: September 25, 26 & 27, 1878

Receipts: \$2,257.06

Disbursement: \$ 1,567.26

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.581).

Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President: William Henry

Vice President: I.C. Comfort, Owen Wright, J. Elwood, N. K. VanMetre, R. D. Pulford

Secretary: T.S. Ansley

Treasurer: Thomas Priestly

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 706).

1879

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: M.J. Briggs

Vice President: T.M. Jones, I.C. Comfort, Clark Hickcox

Secretary: William H. Prideaux

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins (in one of the books in Dodgeville Room Samuel is crossed out and James J. is added)

Dates: September 24, 25 & 26, 1879

Receipts: \$2,517.08

Disbursements: \$2,210.17

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.581).

Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President: J.H. Vivian

Vice President: J.W. Rewey, N.K. Van Metre, Francis Little, Edwin Johnson, R.D. Pulford

Secretary :Delos P. Beech

Treasurer: Thomas Priestley

Receipts: None listed

Disbursements: None listed

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 706).

- May 22, 1879 telegraph lines were completed between Dodgeville and Mineral Point (Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 755).
- Establishing Railroad 1879 "Mineral Point and Dodgeville are 8 miles apart, with no connecting railroad. Time and time and time again the proposal of uniting the two by means of steel rails, has been earnestly agitated and considered...In 1879 we understand that the proposition will also provide for the location of a depot east of the fair grounds, between the lines of Division and Chappel Streets, and that the road shall be completed to Dodgeville during the coming year."(Resource: "Memoirs of Iowa County Wisconsin" Vol. 1, In 2 vol.. Edited by George and Robert Crawford. Published: Northwestern Historical Association 1913. pg. 181-182).

1880

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: Joel William

Vice President: F. Theobald, I.C. Comfort, Clark Hickcox

Secretary: Willaim H. Predeaux

Treasurer: Samuel Hoskins (in one of the books in the Dodgeville Room, Samuel is crossed out and James J. is hand written in)

Dates: September 22, 23 & 24, 1880

Receipts: \$2,347.39

Disbursement: \$1,743.16

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.581).

Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President: R. D. Pulford

Vice President: J. W. Rewey, N. K. Van Metre, J. Tregoning, G. G. Cox, James Toay

Secretary: Delos P. Beech

Treasurer: Thomas Priestley (balance in treasury after fair \$132.11)

Receipts: \$3,317.64

Disbursement: \$3,185.53

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg.706).

1881

Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President: R. D. Pulford

Vice President: J. W. Rewey, N. K. Van Metre, George G. Cox, J. Tregoning, J. H. Vivian

Secretary: None listed

Treasurer: None listed

Receipts: None listed

Disbursement: None listed

(Resource: History of Iowa County Wisconsin 1881. Publisher: Chicago, Western Historical Company. Reproduction done by Whipporwill Publications: Evansville, IN. Pg. 706).

1882**1883****1884****1885**

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: Joel Whitman, Dodgeville

Vice President: 1st Clark Hickcox, Wyoming; 2nd G.G. Cox, Waldwick; 3rd Henry Cunningham, Eden

Secretary: Benjamin Thomas, Jr., Dodgeville

Treasurer: F.W. Stratman, Dodgeville

Dates:

Receipts:

Disbursement:

Executive Committee for the Iowa County Agricultural Society:

John M. Willson, Town of Arena

Josiah Ward, Village of Avoca

Samuel S. Gile, Town of Clyde

James Bennett, Town of Dodgeville

Thomas Ellwood, Village of Dodgeville

J. Bailey, Town of Eden

Anton Imhoff Jr., Town of Highland

E. LaMotte, Village of Highland

Charles Collard, Town of Linden

Henry Kendall, town of Mineral Point

Delos P. Beech, City of Mineral Point

Charles Gillman, Mineral Point

George Paulson, Town of Moscow

J.C. Kirkpatrick, Town of Mifflin

Solon Walbridge, Town of Pulaski

Jas. Stephens, Town of Ridgeway

R. White, Town of Waldwick

H.M. Levake, Town of Wyoming

(Source: Newspaper article: "The Fair", Sept. 18, 1885)

- The state legislation created the office of State Veterinarian (ch.467, Laws of 1885) to promote the health of livestock and domestic animals. (Resource: "Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, A History", training manual, published in 2002. Pg. 12).

1886**1887****1888**

- Establishing Railroad - "When originally constructed in 1888, the railroad facility included a round house, which is not longer standing. The second railroad to reach Dodgeville (the first, The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, arrived in 1881 on a line located north of town), The Illinois Central connected the emerging agricultural community to Freeport, Illinois, with connections to markets in Chicago." ("Walking Tour of Historic Dodgeville, Wisconsin". Dodgeville Historic Preservation Commission.

Published August 1995. Feature #30).

- 1889**
- The Wisconsin State Legislature created the office of Dairy and Food Commissioner to enforce state food laws (ch.452, Laws of 1889) (Resource: "Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, A History", training manual, published in 2002. Pg. 13).

1890
Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President: Louis Laun
Vice President: Henry Cummingham, George W. Strong, H.M. Levake
Secretary: Benjamin Thomas Jr.
Treasurer: F.W. Stratman
Dates:
Receipts:
Disbursement:

Executive Committee for the Iowa County Agricultural Society:

Robert McCutchin, Arena
W.H. Jones, Arena Village
Joseph Frost, Avoca
Fred Theobald, Brigham
Thomas I Williams, Barneveld
John Pearey, Clyde
W.J. Rapson, Cobb
John C. Evans, Dodgeville Town
Dr. W.J. Pearce, Dodgeville City 1st Ward
R.G. Owens, Dodgeville City 2nd Ward
?????, Eden
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1891
Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President:
Vice President:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Dates:
Receipts:
Disbursement:

Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President:
Vice President:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Dates: September 1, 2, 3 & 4, 1891
Receipts:
Disbursement:

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1896
Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society
President:

Vice President:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Dates:
Receipts:
Disbursement:

Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President: George G. Cox (Town of Waldwick)

Vice President:

Secretary: W.H. Bennett (

Treasurer:

Dates:

Receipts:

Disbursement:

- Board of Directors: George G. Cox (Town of Waldwick), Joseph Gorden (Town of Waldwick), John Correll (Town of Linden), Edward J. Perkins (Town of Linden), James Spensley (Town of Mineral Point), Thomas Brackin (Town of Willow Springs), Oliver G Rewey (Village of Rewey), Nelson H. Snow (City of Mineral Point), Charles W McIlhon (City of Mineral Point), Stansmore Vivian (City of Mineral Point), John K. Francis (City of Mineral Point) (Resource: a typed document found in the Mineral Point Room found in a folder titled, "Iowa County Fair and Misc.". Donated by John Francis)
- Superintendents: Cattle - John Correll. Hogs - Joseph Gorden. Speed - Oliver G. Rewey. Grounds - John K. Francis (Resource: a typed document found in the Mineral Point Room located in the folder titled, "Iowa County Fair and Misc.." donated by John Francis)

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1911

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Dates:
Receipts:
Disbursement:

Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President:
Vice President:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Dates: August 14-18, 1911
Receipts:
Disbursement:

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Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President:
Vice President:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Dates:
Receipts:
Disbursement:

Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President:
Vice President:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Dates: August 18, 19 & 20, 1920
Receipts:
Disbursement:

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- “Arrangements were completed this week and work was begun on “Taliesin,” a special, privately printed architectural and public discussion magazine edited by Frank Lloyd Wright, world famous Iowa County Architect. The magazine will be unveiled at an exhibit of Broadacres, Wright’s model city, which was displayed at the 1927 Southwestern Wisconsin Fair . . .” (Newspaper unknown. Title of article: “Frank Lloyd Wright to Publish Magazine Here”. date printed: September 19, 1940. Article submitted by Don Hawkins.)

1928

Dodgeville - Iowa County Agricultural Society

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Dates:

Receipts:

Disbursement:

Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Dates: August 1,2,3 & 4, 1928

Receipts:

Disbursement:

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1935

Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President: N.S. Boardman

Vice President: Frank Martin

Secretary: George W. Bliss

Treasurer: G.H. Shepard

Superintendent of Speed: Frank Jeuck

Dates: September 7,8,9 & 10, 1935

Receipts:

Disbursement:

Directors: N.S. Boardman, P.L. Gorgen, W.L. Grange, James Harris Jr., D.C. Jacka, Frank Jeuck, Frank Martin, D.M. Morgan, R.W. Parkinson, Tom Teague, L. Williamson (Resource; “Official 1935 Revised Premium List; Rules and regulations; Diamond Jubilee of the Southwestern Wisconsin Fair”. Located in the Mineral Point Room.)

1936

Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association

President: Roy Parkinson

Vice President: W.L. Grange

Secretary: C.L. Winn
Treasurer: C.L. Shepard
Superintendent of Speed: Frank Jeuck
Directors: Roy Parkinson, Frank Jeuck, W.L. Grange, D.M. Morgan, P.L. Gorgen, Frank Martin, Harry Speich, Tom Teague, D.C.
Jacka, Harry Nohr
Dates: September 4, 5, 6 & 7 1936
Receipts:
Disbursement:

1937
Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association
President: Roy Parkinson
Vice President: W.L. Grange
Secretary: C.L. Winn
Treasurer: C.L. Shepard
Superintendent of Speed: Frank Jeuck
Directors: Roy Parkinson, Frank Jeuck, W.L. Grange, D.M. Morgan, P.L. Gorgen, Frank Martin, Harry Speich, Tom Teague, D.C.
Jacka, Harry Nohr, James Harris
Dates: September 3, 4, 5 & 6 , 1937
(Resource; "Official 1937 Revised Premium List; Rules and regulations of the Southwestern Wisconsin Fair". Located in the Mineral Point Room.)

State Aid: limited to \$2000 Class 3
Paid gate Admission:
Paid Admission at the Grandstand:
(Resource: "Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and Markets Bulletin: Fairman's Handbook; Fair Reports for 1936 and Laws and Regulations for 1937". Published in 1937 (no cover on the one in the Mineral Point Room). Issued by Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and Markets at the State Capitol in Madison Wisconsin.)

1938
Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association
President: Roy Parkinson
Vice President: W.L. Grange
Secretary: C.L. Winn
Treasurer: C.L. Shepard
Superintendent of Speed: Frank Jeuck
Directors: Roy Parkinson, Frank Jeuck, W.L. Grange, D.M. Morgan, P.L. Gorgen, Frank Martin, Harry Speich, Tom Teague, D.C.
Jacka, Harry Nohr, James Harris
Dates: September 2, 3, 4 & 5 , 1938
(Resource; "Official 1938 Premium List; Rules and Regulations of the Southwestern Wisconsin Fair". Located in the Mineral Point Room.)

1939
Mineral Point - Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association
President: Roy Parkinson
Vice President: W.L. Grange
Secretary: C.L. Winn
Treasurer: C.L. Shepard
Superintendent of Speed: Frank Jeuck
Directors: Roy Parkinson, Frank Jeuck, W.L. Grange, D.M. Morgan, P.L. Gorgen, Frank Martin, Harry Speich, Tom Teague, D.C.
Jacka, Harry Nohr, James Harris
Dates: September 1, 2, 3, & 4 , 1939 (Labor Day Weekend)
(Resource; "Officially Revised 1939 Premium List; Rules and Regulations of the Southwestern Wisconsin Fair". Located in the Mineral Point Room.)

1940
Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association- Mineral Point

President: Roy Parkinson

Vice President: W.L. Grange

Secretary: C.L. Winn

Treasurer: C.L. Shepard

Superintendent of Speed: E.W. Graber

Directors: Roy Parkinson, Frank Jeuck, W.L. Grange, D.M. Morgan, P.L. Gorgen, Frank Martin, Harry Speich, Tom Teague, E.W.

Graber, Harry Nohr, James Harris

Dates: August 30-31 through September 1 & 2, 1940

(Resource; "The Greatest Fair Week" 1940 Premium List; Officially Revised Rules and Regulations of the 80th Annual Southwestern Wisconsin Fair". Located in the Mineral Point Room.)

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Iowa County Agricultural Society-Dodgeville

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Dates:

Receipts:

Disbursement:

Southwestern Wisconsin Industrial Association-Mineral Point

President:
Vice President:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Dates:
Receipts:
Disbursement:

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Iowa County Fair (Mineral Point)

President: Rudy Lindholm (Mineral Point)
Vice President: Gary Schmit (Mineral Point)
Secretary: Susan Judd (Ridgeway)
Treasurer: Tara Thomas (Cobb)
Dates: August 31 - September 4, 2000 (Labor Day Weekend)
Receipts:
Disbursement:

(Resource: "140th Annual Iowa County Fair" 2000, Aug. 31st thru Sept. 4th". Located in the Mineral Point Room.)

2001

Iowa County Fair (Mineral Point)

President: Rudy Lindholm (Mineral Point)
Vice President: Gary Schmit (Mineral Point)
Secretary: Susan Judd (Ridgeway)
Treasurer: Tara Thomas (Cobb)
Dates: August 30 - September 3, 2001 (Labor Day Weekend)
Receipts:
Disbursement:

(Resource; "141st Annual Iowa County Fair" 2001, Aug. 30th thru Sept. 3rd". Located in the Mineral Point Room.)

2002

Iowa County Fair (Mineral Point)

President: Rudy Lindholm (Mineral Point)

Vice President: Gary Schmit (Mineral Point)

Secretary: Kayla Spurley (Cobb)

Treasurer: Tara Thomas (Cobb)

Dates: August 29 - September 2, 2002 (Labor Day Weekend)

Receipts:

Disbursement:

(Resource; "142nd Annual Iowa County Fair" 2002, Aug. 29th thru Sept. 2nd". Located in the Mineral Point Room.)

2003

2004

2005

2006

More stuff to look up

- Look up what year the fair bought the land beside the Graceland Cemetery and then go the book “History of Iowa Co. 1881” and on page 724-725 see how many of the cemetery officers were also on the fair board. A lot of them are.
- Then go to page 728-729 and put down out of the business summary what the guys from the M.P. Fair Board did for jobs in M.P. & p. 726, 727. (Dodgeville’s- pg. 746-747 & 766, 767)
- Also look on pg. 735-736 for which Fair Board members from Dodgeville were also on the village council when Dodgeville became a village and drew out the village lines that include the fairgrounds (I think check it out against a plat map) 1881 book
- Pg. 849 “Biographical Sketches” Town of Mineral Point. Pg. 880 Town of Dodgeville. Look though the other towns Biographical Sketches to find out about the men on the Dodgeville Fair representing the other townships. 1881 book.