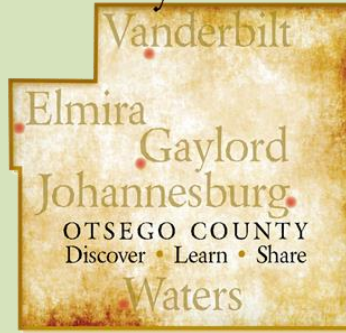


# History Matters



## Update # 13

March 31, 2018

It is through the generosity of numerous people who share their time, knowledge, and artifacts that we are able to **learn** more about our local history. This week's History Matters Update highlights just a small sample of the many wonderful items recently donated to our museum. Seeing these historical objects provide a tangible link to our past. Often they spark a memory of times gone by or cause our curiosity to kick into gear. We express our gratitude to all the generous donors. These artifacts on display and those safely stored in our archives help tell our story today as well as for future generations. They show why History Matters.

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It all started with a call from Chuck Simpson last summer. His cousins were visiting during Alpenfest and brought a picture to donate to the Museum. The photo was of their mother, Martha Moorehead Carl, when she was crowned Gaylord's Queen in 1937. Royal sash included.

Lots of questions were raised. What was the event – a winter carnival, high school celebration, community festival? Searching the on-line Herald Times turned up a front page article with all the details. This was a regional pageant held in Grayling. Our investigation continues – do you have information to **share**?

Do you know why some family members spell Moorehead without an "e"?



Martha's daughters  
Linda, Forrestene, and Dianne



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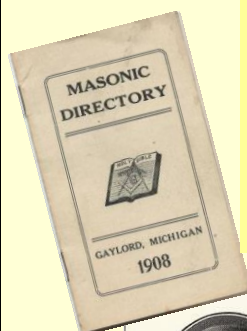
Richard Wheeler of Gaylord **discovered** a leather bound book in the trash. It was the Otsego Lake School District No. 1 Record. Entries date back to 1873 when our county's very first school was established. Teachers contracts, list of pupils, board minutes, and titles of text books used are among the many interesting bits of information contained in the artifact. The final year covered in this hand written account is 1890.

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This 1917 chauffeur's badge was found in Elmira by Kevin Burne. We're checking to find who it was issued to and what type of business required this license 100 years ago.

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Tom Sage of Petoskey shared memorabilia that he found at area flea markets. He was able to convince the vendors to donate the items to our museum.



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Republican nomination for  
**SHERIFF**  
of Otsego County  
Will appreciate your support at  
the Primary Election Tuesday,  
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When Jon Morris noticed we were missing a railroad key, he donated one he found on 4<sup>th</sup> Street where the BCG&A railroad once traveled.