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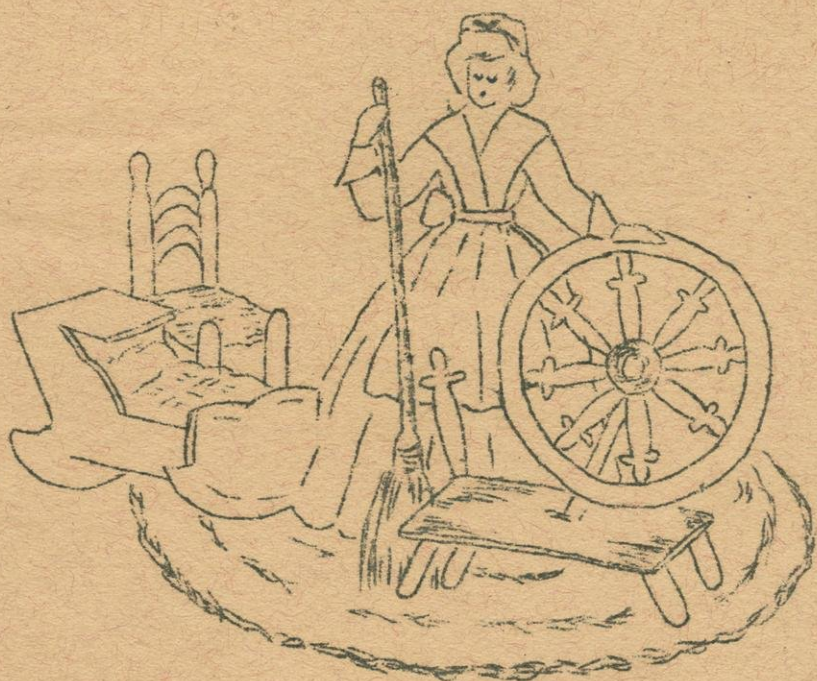
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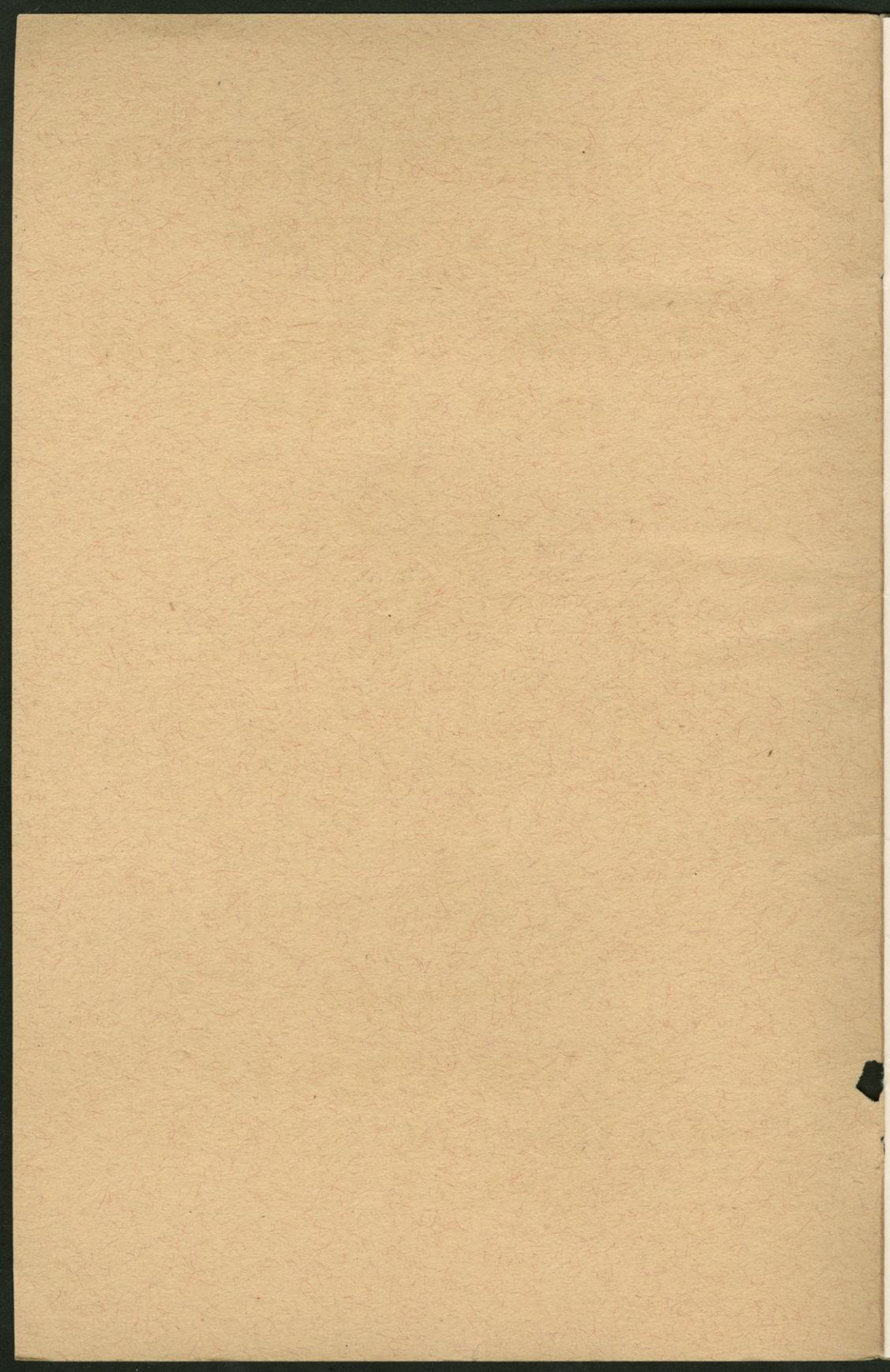
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF

WATERFORD WISCONSIN
1836 - 1954



RACINE COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
JUNE 27, 1954



WATERFORD

WELCOMES YOU

May your brief stay with us prove so enjoyable that you will frequently return to increase your knowledge of the early village and improve your acquaintance with the advantages and opportunities of the Waterford of today.

HOSPITALITY TEA
600 Washington Street

True to early settler hospitality, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sinsel have graciously opened their home to interested visitors this afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00.

A portion of this beautiful home was erected in 1838, soon after the land upon which it stands was granted to Mr. Wade by the United States Government. Though it has since been the home of many a happy family and been altered to meet the needs of the occupants, the architecture and "homeiness" have remained.

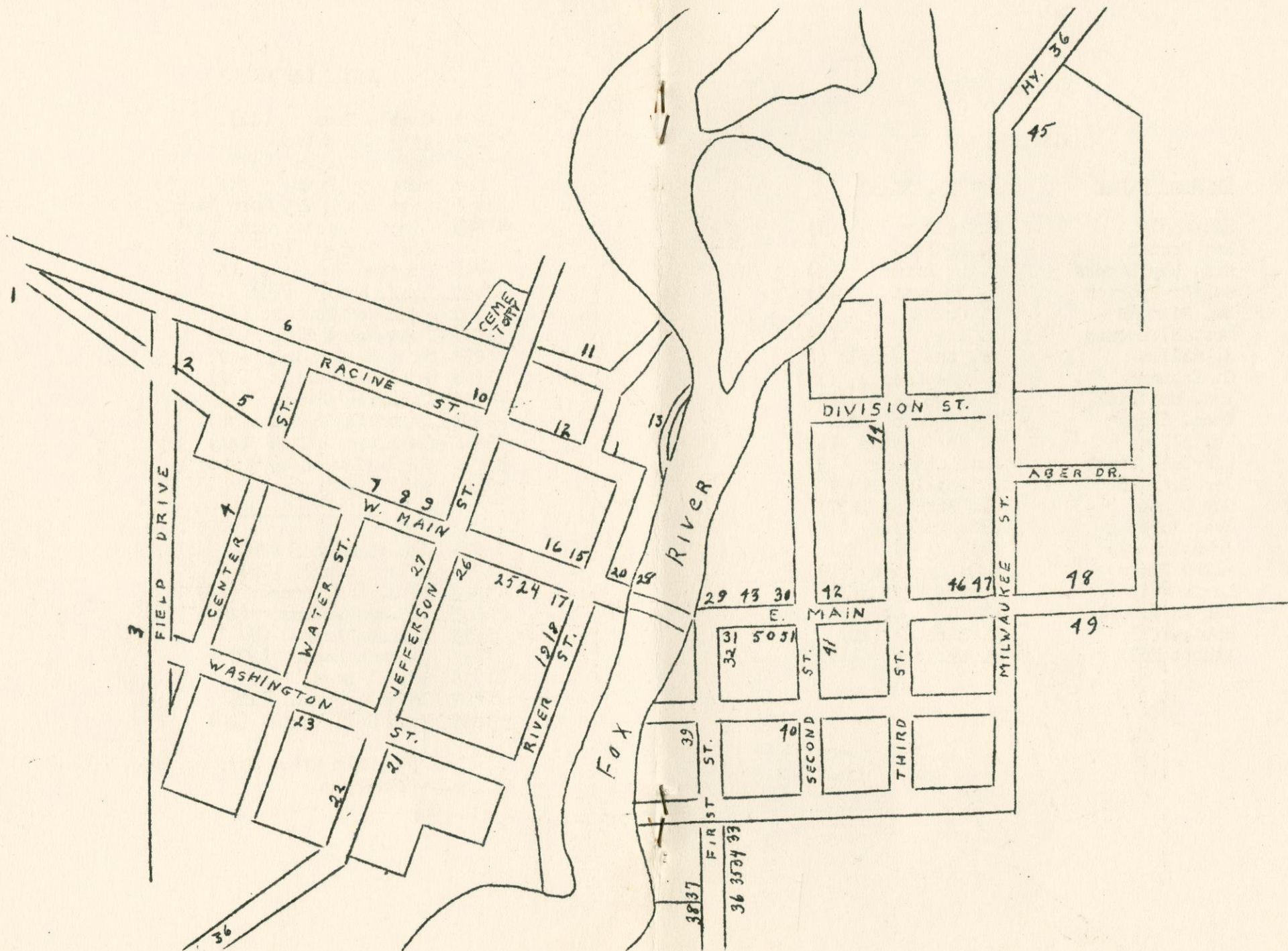
EARLY LANDMARKS

- **1873 Gamble Store (42)
 - *1885 Atty. N. Johnson (43)
 - *1890 Heck's Tavern (31)
 - 1848 Auterman Launderette (15)
 - *1856 Rittmann - Trimborn Stores (50)
 - **1853 Albee's Restaurant (17)
 - Ford Garage (24)
 - 1898 Smetana Building (51)
 - 1864 H. W. Mealy (25)
 - 1863 House of Zimmer (30)
 - 1897 Foat Sport Shop (29)
 - 1898 S. & S. Bowling (47)
 - 1898 Park Apartments (32)
 - 1848 Catholic Church (33)
 - 1851 Catholic School (35)
 - *1864 Lutheran Church (44)
 - *1874 M. E. Church (7)
 - *1838 Mill (13)
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- 1873 Glueck house (28)
- 1878 Hilger house (26)
- 1840 B. G. Foat house (48)
- 1840 S. Barnes house (49)
- 1853 Knutson house (8)
- 1837 Chapman house (27)
- 1838 Sinsel house (3)
- 1869 Johncox house (12)
- 1845 Fred Noll house (20)

*Rebuilt after fire of 1898

**Remodeled



HISTORIC HOMES

<u>Present Owner</u>	<u>Early Settler</u>
Hal Mealy	F. Miller (1)
Ray Norton	H. Mellon (2)
Mrs. Roy Brooks	Peter Rambo (4)
Walter Fregien	L. Newcomb (6)
Wm. Rittman	E. Groat
Mrs. M. Loomis	J. Fox (9)
J. Callen	Dr. Geo. Newell (16)
G. Essman	Mc Kenzie (18)
Mrs. Wm. Link	Levi Hulbert (19)
Thos. Maas	Van Norman (21)
Wm. Allon	A. Hattlostad (22)
Clarance Smith	Ruth Chapman (23)
Joe Kompken	A. Geising (39)
Guy Clark	Joe Huening (37)
Jos. Roesing	John Roesing (38)
John Schoele	Chas. Alby (36)
Allan Jones	Edw. English (40)
Louis Noll	Irving Foat (45)
Martin Jacobson	Chris. Jacobson (46)
Robt. Nehls	S. Barnes (10)
Albert Noll	W. Whitley (11)

HISTORICAL EVENTS

- 1833 Ceded to Government by Potowatomie Indians
- 1836 Separated from Milwaukee County
- 1836 First community center "Old Ark"
- 1837 First dam across river
- 1837 First winter wheat cradled
- 1838 First grist mill built
- 1839 First white, male child born in Racine
County - Capt. John T. Rice
- 1839 Village laid out by Vilas
- 1839 First hotel erected
- 1840 First school built in township
- 1842 First drug store - Dr. Newell
- 1843 First post office - Sam Russ P.M.
- 1845 East side of river plotted
- 1847 Separated from section granted to
Rochester
- 1847 First graded school in village
- 1867 First hearse used in Racine County -
built by Wallman & Harter
- 1877 First "Waterford Post" issued
- 1881 Flood
- 1881 First telephone line from Burlington
- 1891 First barber shop - Bert Foat
- 1898 Fire destroyed most of east side -
twenty-two places
- 1898 Volunteer fire department organized
- 1901 Tower clock installed
- 1906 Village incorporated - Wm. Shenkenberg
first mayor
- 1909 Electric line
- 1912 Water system installed
- 1912 Village hall erected

REMINISCING

Time was I used to walk away
When wearied by the old folks' chatter
About some joy of yesterday.
To me such memories didn't matter.

I'd often heard the tales they told,
And I was living in the present.
I didn't care for pictures old
Or bygone days, however pleasant.

I wondered then how they could find
So much delight in times departed
And keep them constantly in mind,
For I was young and merry-hearted.

But now my youth has slipped away.
I'm drawing close to life's December,
And I have many a yesterday
Aglow with joys that I remember.

Edgar A. Guest

