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VACH COLLECTION

- 1849 Census of Snake River Territory 58 Males
24 females Total 82
- 1849 Pine Co was included within limits of
St. Croix Co.
- 1849 July 7th Gov. Alex. Ramsey, by proclama-
tion fixed the following Council districts
for the Territory, which had not then
been divided into Counties No. 1-2-3-4
Marine Mills, Falls of St. Croix, Rush Lake
Rise River and Snake River precincts
and the Little Canada Settlement.
1849. First Settlement was by Elam Greely, who
made a farm + large barn Location N. W
quarter of Sec. 15 Township 38 Range 22 on
banks of the Kanabec (Snake) River (Royalton)
- 1852 First Postoffice + a stage route from St. Paul
to Superior were established at Chengwatona
1854. Chengwatona, County Seat
- 1855 March 3 Act of Congress approved entitled
"An act in addition Acts granting Bounty
Land to certain Officers and soldiers who

Reference

Pine Co. Pioneer

100 yrs in Pine County

50 yrs in N.W. - Folsom.

Hinckley News

Minnesota History Society

Minn. Legislative Manual.

History of St. Croix Valley Easton

Vach Collection

Harold Kiki's collection

Christina Sklyzacek. Mother of John Sklyzacek

Sam Carlson.

Jane -

Brief notes from 1849 - 1911 - I sure
you can get information after 1911 from
many older citizens, if not, I can get
you more information. Whenever you
use information that was given to me
by our local people - please mention
their names. Please return this
after ~~or whenever~~
Sincerely,
Ann Vach.

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have been engaged in military Service of the United States," there has been deposited in the General Land Office, Warrant No. 43,566. for 120 acres in favor of Margaret "Garnest", widow of Henry "Garnest" Private in Captain Hulgate's Company Pennsylvania Militia War of 1812.

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of N. W $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5 and N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 6 in Township 38 N. Range 21. W. in the District of Lands, subject to sale at Stillwater Mine, containing 120 acres and ninety-nine hundredths of an acre, according to the Official Plat of survey of said Lands returned to the General Land Office by the surveyor General, the said warrant having been assigned by the said Margaret "Garnest" to Samuel Evans, in whose favor said tract has been located. —————

Parcel of Land above - property of Harold Kicks

More information in Harold Kicks Collection

1856 Pine Co was organized (March 31) first appointed Commissioners were: Herman Trott

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George H. Staples and Royal C. Gray -
(the later Royalton Township was named)

- 1857 Government Road was built.
1857. Col. Daniel Robertson, made an effort to get emigrants from Germany and Green Bay Wis to move to this area. to buy land for \$1.⁵⁰ to \$2.⁰⁰ a acre Booklets were printed in Germany and sent to Germany with great promises (Most of land in Cross Lake + Peshigama Lake area was owned by Col Daniel Robertson + Judge ^{C.P.} Daley) N.Y.
1860. Census for Pine Co. 92.
- 1862-63 Chingwatona was garrisoned + had a frontier Post.
- 1865 Minn. Legislature placed a sum of \$1,000.⁰⁰ to N.C.D. Taylor for purpose of examining copper area Report: Snake + Kettle River very promising -
1865. Pine Co Population 64
- 1866 - First Catholic settlers: Christian Heisler. Mathias Erhart. Joseph Heninger Alexander Kaim. Jacob Osen. Albert Petschel

and Ferdinand Petackel bought land began farming in the wilderness, some ten miles along a trail known as "Brunswick Road".

Information: Kristina Sklugacek (mother of John S.) (part of this road was the Indian Trail, branched in Royalton Township - one trail led to Chagwatawa other to Pokegama Lake from Sunrise unto Mille Lac.

1868 First School District was organized at Co. Seat Chagwatawa

1868 Lake Superior + Mississippi Railroad was making to Snake River Bypassing Chagwatawa new village (Pine City) sprung up. Mostly Swiss laborers ^{land}. Owners at Chagwatawa wanted higher price for ^{their} land. Town don't make the railroad - Railroad makes the town.

1869. Village of Pine City was platted.

1869- August. Account of John T. Trowbridge, journalist, ^{the} route through the woods (Railroad Route) from St Paul to Duluth, tells of the coaches mired, upset, limbs dislocated

passengers forced to walk, with mud up to their knees, belated in forest and devoured by mosquitoes." — there were ladies in the party of passengers, trip was a "madness." Railroad excursionists planned to use "The military Road", as it was called, cut through the wilderness for government purposes." After noting that recent rains had converted this only road into one interminable slough or mud canal."

Trowbridge's account — Chengwatana Friday 13
 Windstone Lake at noon — supper on Kettle River
 30 miles from Chengwatana — Aug 14 Moose Lake —

1870 — Heron built a Hotel + first postmaster

1870 Population for Pine Co. 648.

1871 — Apportionment for 28th district Chisago,
 Pine, Kanabec + Aitkin Counties. One
 Senator and one Representative

1872 County Seat was changed to Pine City from
 Chengwatana (Cheng - Hak - O - Dona)
 Pine Trees near - Bay

1872 First Marriage License issued to John Kelsey
and Mary Hoffman

Commissioners: Hiram Brackett, George
Goodwin and Edward Jackson.

Auditor: Adolph Munch

Register Deeds: Don Hillard

Co. Attorney - Treasurer + Supt of Schools:

John D. Wilcox

First Record by the Register of Pine Co. was
a Military Land Warrant No. 12, 702

Prudence Rockwell - Located by Am. Orin
Baker - Township 38 Subject to 40 days

preemption Dated: June 1855 at Stillwater

T. M. Fullerton register assigned June 14 1856
to Enos Jones.

1872 Until 1872 Pine Co was attached for judicial
purposes to Chicago Co.

Catholic Mass was celebrated in old section
house, later in McLaughlin Home. Pine City was
attend as Mission by Fr. Murphy from Stillwater
Information by Christina Skuzacek. Pine City

- 1874 Township of Pine City was organized.
 J. Bennett Smith, agent for Lake Superior
 & Mississippi Railway, in prospect the
 lands tributary for the railroad, discovered
 indication of copper.
- 1875-76 - Total enrollment in 4 organized school
 district in County was 193 pupils.
 3 framed buildings with total valuation
 of \$3,860
 Pine Co. Population 795
- 1875 Vicariate of Northern Minnesota was cut
 off from the Catholic Diocese of St. Paul
 Pine City became into the new territory.
 Next seven or eight yrs - Pine City (Catholic
 Church) Mission was in care of Fathers
 Hillkins, Stemper, Gobel and O'Reilly from
 Rush City.
- 1876 - Pine Co. Heavy in debt. State Legislature
 bonded the County indebtedness of \$10,000.00
 in 10 yrs bonds at 10% interest
- 1878 - Pine City first Presbyterian Church built.
 (Second in County - first was on Pokegama Lake 1837)

1879. J. Bennett Smith with two associates acquired 320 acres of land in interest of minerals

James Handel (register of Deeds) came to Pine City - 2 yrs later moved to Hinckley for 3 yrs. Returned to Pine City

Half of a Block in Prince's Addition to Village of Pine City was purchased for a Catholic Site, Church, rectory and cemetery. Frame Catholic was built!

NOVA
Christina Okluzasck.

1880. Chengwatana Mining Company sunk three shafts - $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Chengwatana along Snake River

Pine Co Population 1,365

1881 Village of Pine City was incorporated

1882. Early records indicate the town of Brunswick was organized by Pine County to contain Township 38 Range 23 — etc

1883. First Cemetery consisted of 4 city blocks west of the Catholic Church was abandoned, the bodies were removed to the New Calvary Cemetery
Christina Sklyzarski.
- 1885 Ed. C. Dottery established to publish the Pine County Pioneer.

Pine Co. Population 2, 186.

- 1886 - A larger courthouse was erected (on the present site (1969) Cost of \$10,000.00 Heated by wood stoves, Kerosene Lamps.

J. Y. Breckenridge established a drug store had a supply of medicines, fancy goods, sundries, paints, oils, wallpaper and fishing tackle.
Only soda fountain in town, one of the finest in Northern Minnesota.

- H. J. Rath appointed as deputy sheriff.
1887. Methodist Episcopal Society of Pine City was organized
By Richard Arison - Feb. 1887

- 1887 800 bridge was built across Snake River
(Pine City) at cost \$3,350⁰⁰, the State
appropriated \$1,500⁰⁰
- 1888 - July 17th foundation of new Church Building
(First Methodist Church) was begun, was
dedicated by Dr. Robert Forbes Oct 21st.
Total expense of building was \$1,550⁰⁰
- 1889 Side tracks for Pine City area was put in by
the Railroad Company. With passing room for
three engines

Devil Lake cut was made, edge of Cross Lake
58 men 28 teams were employed Work
was completed on Oct 5 - 1889

Burger Bros established a saw, shingle and
planing mill.

- 1890 Pine City census 535
Pine Co. 4052
- 1892 - Night Mail Seligick was established
between Pine City and St. Paul.

1892 Men working on railroad demand higher wages from \$1.50 to \$1.75 a day. Request was refused - men quit

New sidewalk was built south side of Robinson Park.

1893. Pine City had 4 general stores, a drug store, a shoe store, a clothing store, a general hardware, tin manufactory, a millinery establishment, four blacksmith shops, three sawmills, a feed mill, a first Class hotel, two restaurants, a good local newspaper, and several small industries. Four churches lead variety to the spiritual needs of the community, and three schools train our young minds. A worthy and well qualified physician - cures the body's aches and ills and we ^{are} glad to add that this for his skill leads to frequent christenings and no funerals.

Pine City School opened with attendance: 56 grammar department, 45 intermediate department + 35 primary department

1894 Petition was sign for a highway from Pine City to Hinckley, to run along the Northern Pacific railroad and not to be more than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the tracks at any point.

March 4 Heavy rains and account of large snow drifts, cause the roads to be impassible for sleigh or wagon.

1895 Pine City Population 293

Petition was filed by Thomas German, Mike Dunn & Peter Mc Maker. Hinckley incorporation at the courthouse in Pine City November 27-1885-6 P.M.

Catholic Parsonage built - large roomy two story structure

The "Stowe" is a screw propeller steam boat 50 ft long 10 ft wide built by Moatin & Rivers of St. Paul Launched May 22 - will take up to 80 passengers from Pine City to Pokegama future picnic grounds

1896 - December 26 First State Bank of Pine Co
was organized in Pine City

Many of sawmills are shutting down,
hundred of men are out of work, due to
large import of Canadian lumber

A new dock was built to replace the old
one, built by railroad Co., this will aid
the farmers from up the river, bringing their
grains + wood.

1897 April, fire destroyed Glasgow warehouse
and entire block.

Dr. B. L. Wiseman, physician and surgeon
came to Pine City.

May 4 - The River + Lake is full of logs.

1898 New fire engine is safely housed in its new
home. The cistern was pumped full on Sat.

it taking 2 hrs and 5 minutes to do it. This will serve as a protection to the southern part of our village (Pine City) & other parts can be reached from the river or lake.

The wagon bridge crossing the Snake River at this place was condemned, unsafe for teams to cross.

Pearl-bearing clams have been discovered on the flats of Mission Island.

1899.

Oct. Population 1,200 ???

Noah Adams Lumber Co.

C. A. Burger Saw, Planing, & Shingle Mill

E. Buselmeier Brewery

Pine City Brewery

" " Creamery

" " Electric Light Co.

" " Mill & Elevator Co.

H. J. Rath Saw & Planing Mill

F. Shrewsbury Creamery

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"Notice" Monday Dec 25th 1899 - Postoffice will
closed at one o'clock sharp on Christmas
day"

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1899

M. E. Church

Lutheran Church

Presbyterian Church

Roman Catholic Church

Webster School

Volunteer fire Department - 1 Chief

36 men, one watrous steam engine

2 Horse Carts 2000 - 2½ hose, Fire Alarm

by a bell and Steam Whistles

Water Supply from cistern below fire hall

22' x 16' x 7' Deep, also from river & lake

Streets graded - not paved. Lights + Electricity

1900

May 22 the new electric plant is owned
by Mr Allen, will serve this town with
electricity

1901

Dr. E. L. Irving, Dentist will be at
Pine City Pioneer House. Gas
administered for extraction teeth.

1901 Copper has been struck in paying quantities in main shaft of J. Bennett Smith Copper Mine. "Pay Dirt" is thrown with every blast. The prospect that mine will be one of richest in Minnesota grows brighter & brighter. Main shaft is only down about 33 ft — what will it be when they are down 100 ft?

The Palace Clothing Co. will open up for business May 1st in the Miller Block with the largest and best assorted stock of clothing & gent furnishing ever shown on the Duluth short line of the N. P. Railroad.

Capt. Bergman owner of ^{the} steamer "Victoria" informed that his boat is fine shape as soon as logs will be out of the way will be making his regular trips from Pine City to the Pokegama Park Hotel.

1901 - Oath of office taken by Geo. Kirk as the
Treasurer of Village of Pine City on April 5.

1902

Citizen Committee has completed arrangements
with the M. A. Hedney Pickling Co. to establish
a Pickle Factory in Pine City.

1903

Chengwaters Dam was dynamited June 2

Village Council Meeting discussed, the road
south of the Catholic Church to be extended
to western limits of village, this road
would be an ~~an~~ interest to the village and
farmers on Brunswick Road

May 13 Special school Meeting a vote 52
to 4 to increase the size of school, again
as large as at the present.

1904 First State High School in Pine Co in Pine City

1965 November 24, Longstreet Taylor purchased
[Lot + 3 + 4] on Pokegama Lake from Oliver
Stumpe for Pokegama Sanatorium.

80 acres farm with good framed houses
and 25 acres under Cultivation \$1,700.⁰⁰

Henry Spahr + started excavating for remodeling
of the building occupied by First State Bank
of Pine City. A Large Brick building will
replace the present structure.

Pine Co. Citizenship were upset, when Senator
Duke Cowan's bill providing that the name
of the piece of territory called Pine County
be changed to Clover Co., because it grew
luxuriant Clover, where formerly tall Pines grew.

Population 1892 (Pine City)

A special Meeting held in Dist 69. on July 29-05
continued 19

Continued

1905 Voted to have 6 months of school, 2 months in fall commencing Aug. 21. and 4 months in winter commencing Jan 12. Teacher's wages \$125.⁰⁰ for 6 months.

Sam Carlson's Collection

1906

At a special meeting of the village fathers decided to put the waterworks proposition before the people + to hold a special election for the purpose of deciding the feasibility of bonding the village in sum \$15,000.⁰⁰ to install a water works system

1907

Land is valued \$10.⁰⁰ to \$25.⁰⁰ a acre.

1910 Pokegama Sanatorium has 15 sleeping cottages and an Administration Building. Material for this establishment were transported by steamers from Pine City.

Clearing ~~has~~ begun at Pokegama Lake.

Population Pine City 1,258

1911 New Brick Catholic Church was built
in Pine cost \$35,000.⁰⁰

Christiane Sklyasak Collection

Pine City had a race track located
(on the ^{present} fairgrounds).

Webster Public School - Steam Heat - No Lights
John Bloss Brewery - Power Steam. Wood fuel. ^{Candles} Brewers
P.C. Saw Mill - No. Clock Power Steam. Wood fuel. elect
Catholic Church - Steam Heat elec. lights
Lutheran " Stove Heat elec lights
Presby'n " Stove Heat elec "
P.C. Mill Co. Steam Boilers. elec lights.

Griggs Cooper Co. Pickling Plant. Potatoe
House, Bridgeman ~~Roll~~ Russel Provision
Co. Creamery.

Fair grounds located in Robinson Park.

1861

- 1- Court House & Jail location (Jimmy Cafe)
- 2- School location (present Court House)
- 3- Post office (Laudermat)
- 4- Brackett Saw Mill - (present Wm Nobel area)
- 5 Pioneer House (Third St - Sec. Ave)
- 6 - Lake View House (Geo Clem)
- 7- Pine Co. Record (Eight St - Fifth Ave)
- 8 Brick Yard - (On Sec. St. Location Unknown)
- 9- Julius Neubauer Blacksmith (Liquor Store Parking Lot)
- 10- Docks (Riverside Bait Shop)
- 11- Geo. Kick + Radden Meat Market (Dorow furniture)

{ Kicks could be another name to inquire information

Mrs Nick Stoffel - Pine City

Jane -
 Will get more information to you, whenever I can find time to do more research in my mess of papers -
 Fred

Mrs. Callahan

- Mrs Alex Pangerl - Pine City
- Thom. Korbel - Pine City
- Chas Jewel Brook Park
- Clemina Torrey - Pine City
- Hans Grandt Pine City
- Lina Fedder Pine City
- Mary Halberman - Pine City
- Mrs Haudak Pine City
- (Check with Aggie Mansavage about her first ^{name} ~~name~~)
- Mrs Anton Karas Pine City
- Mervin Nuebauer - Pine City
- Julia Peterson (Dosey) Pine City
- Esther Dosey Pine City
- Sam Carlson Pine City
- Geo. Clem Pine City
- Mrs & Mrs Kenneth Cox Pine City

In the 1872 records - I have a note ~~that~~ until 1872
 Pine Co. was attached for judicial purpose to Chisago
 Co." Where many records can still be found in Chisago
 Co. Seat

Will keep in touch - on further information
 Ann Vach