

Sauk County And Baraboo

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Note: The index is for this volume only.

The previous volumes have their own index,
which may be found in Volume III.

An anecdotal history of Sauk County and Baraboo as published in the Baraboo News-Republic, 2009 through 2012. One hundred and seven stories are rearranged in somewhat chronological order. Pictures have been added. When added to the three previous volumes, there are a total of 479 stories in the four volumes.

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Introduction to Volume IV

This is volume IV of our series of stories, SAUK COUNTY AND BARABOO, as published in 2009-2012. The 107 stories in this volume, when combined with the 372 in the three previous volumes, make a total of 479 stories about those who have gone before us. It is hoped that the vicissitudes of old age will permit us to reach our goal of 500 "Tales of Earlier Days" stories soon.

Like the previous volumes, the stories were written randomly. Some stories on a similar subject were written years apart. Since each story had to stand on its own in the newspaper, there is some repetition, and sometimes corrections. The stories are presented in a generally chronological sequence.

When combined with the similar arrangement in the previous 3 volumes, the stories give a different flavor to the times than the usual historical accounts. Because some major local entities such as Circus World, and Badger Ammunition, have their own publicity departments, we have not emphasized their importance. People's names are always listed when appropriate, for the convenience of future genealogists.

Because the three previous volumes were printed in 2008, they have their own index, as does this volume. We did not anticipate at that time that we would continue writing, and certainly not for four additional years. Though the author will continue to write in 2013 and perhaps longer, it seemed wise at our advanced age (93) to produce this volume. A fifth volume, however, is not contemplated.

Considerable credit for these volumes should be given to the Baraboo News-Republic and to the onetime Baraboo Sun. For nearly fifteen years they have published our articles and provided encouragement and some proofing. With no training as either a journalist or historian, our earliest articles were hand-written, followed by our use of the typewriter, a word-processor, and finally for the last 11 years by a computer.

Many other people gave encouragement, including the staff and some directors of the Sauk County Historical Society and the Baraboo Library. Local citizens aided in the supply of information and pictures. Greatly missed for many reasons is my wife Helen, the original proof reader and literary critic. The index for this volume was expertly produced by the Society's curator, Rebecca Dubey.

Herewith then we add these additional 107 stories to the 372 already published. We hope they provide an anecdotal account of the people and events of their times. We all are uplifted by living in this very beautiful and historic county in Wisconsin.