

A Look at Alfred Field

by Scott Reichard

Hardly noticed and little used, Field Park has been a city park as long as anyone remembers. The southeast corner of Bluff and West Grand was associated with the Field name before it was a park, for it was home to the park's namesake and his family for many years. One of the many important pioneers to come to Beloit, he left his imprint on the community in many ways.

Alfred Lorenzo Field was born April 16, 1809, in Colebrook, New Hampshire, to Peter and Hannah Field. He grew up on the family farm, but nothing else is known of his early life. He enters history at Beloit's beginnings, being present at Dr. Horace White's home in Colebrook in October 1836 when the New England Emigrating Company, the group most responsible for settling Beloit, was created. As a charter member he was eager to settle in the west, and came to the new settlement on June 5, 1837.

His arrival was applauded by the early settlers because of the necessary supplies he brought: In a wagon drawn by four oxen he transported four barrels of pork, four barrels of flour, seven bushel of oats, farm tools, other miscellaneous equipment, and much needed cash. He threw himself into the hard work of creating a new community, and was available for any and all kinds of labor, including planting, hoeing, harvesting, cleaning grain, salting beef, setting fence, and measuring land.

By early 1838 the NE Emigrating Company felt that a sufficient number of families had settled in Beloit, and having fulfilled its mission, decided to dissolve. The common property of the company was divided among the company members according to their contributions of labor and money, and Field's investment credit of \$908 was second only to Horace White. Alfred was entitled to a large share in the company boarding house, 2/3 of the Langdon claim, a lot on the bluff, and 23 village lots. He also received wheat, corn and oats at the final distribution.

Sometime before the end of May, 1838, Alfred returned east, and on May 28th he married Elizabeth Lusk in Enfield, Connecticut, where she was born August 19, 1814. Their "honeymoon" was their trip to Beloit, and when they left Enfield, *"many tears were shed by her friends and relatives... over this long and unknown journey. They said that she was going out of the world, and the wedding party sang the Christian parting-song Blest be the Tie that Binds."*

Alfred commenced his long career as a well-known Beloit businessman when he and his brother-in-law James Lusk founded *Field and Lusk*, the second general store in Beloit. For a short while it was located near the southeast corner of State and St. Paul Streets, then moved to the southwest corner when a new, larger building was finished. The new store opened in June of 1838 with a good assortment of general goods for the village.



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

For further
information on
Society events call
Lincoln Center
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Thursday, April 8 – Volunteer Recognition Brunch

10:00 a.m. Lincoln Center. Meal and program by Clifford Lueck (see page 6.)

Saturday, June 12 – Dinner Theater

6 p.m. Lincoln Center. Dinner and program, "Notes From Home," with Colleen Burns and Jack Forbes Wilson (see page 12.)

Cub Food Receipts

Our last batch of receipts brought in **\$51.50**. For each Cub Foods receipt submitted the Society receives 1% of the total. Thanks to everyone who participates in saving the receipts and thank you Charlie Jones for volunteering your time totaling them each



quarter. Please keep saving receipts, and be sure to get them in before the end of the quarter. Every Penny Helps !!

As we do every Spring, included in this issue is a membership card from the Wisconsin Historical Society. We encourage you to consider becoming a member of their

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organization. If you choose to join, be sure to indicate that you are a member of the Beloit Historical Society; since we are an affiliate member of WHS, we receive \$5 for each of our members that join them. Last year we received \$130 for affiliate membership.

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Inside the Adams Collection Room

With this newsletter we begin a new rotating feature. We will highlight artifacts from our collection to show our readers the wealth of Beloit artifacts we preserve.

Lufkin Bottling Works operated in Beloit from the early 1890s to the mid-1920s. For many years it was located at the northwest corner of Fourth and Roosevelt, and bottled a variety of carbonated beverages.



A ballot box for the Ever Ready Company No. 2, which was organized in Beloit in 1856.

Applicants wishing to join the volunteer fire department were elected or rejected by the vote of the company. When voting, the company members placed a white (yea) or black (nay) marble in the ballot box.

Did You Know...

... that the first fire for Ever Ready Co. #2 and its hose cart division, Tiger Hose #2, was fought in March of 1857 when the Star Saloon burned down?

*We'd like to remind everyone that the Beloit Historical Society is a **repository for Beloit History**. If you have objects, letters, diaries, photos, documents, clothing, etc., that pertain to Beloit history or someone from Beloit, please keep us in mind as a permanent home for these items.*

A Look at Alfred Field (Continued from page 1)

Business ventures and starting a family kept the Fields busy in the early 1840s. They set up housekeeping near the store in the first framed house built in Beloit. Their first child Mary was born in March of 1840, but she lived only until July 1841. Alfred was a member of the *Beloit Bridge Company*, the firm that constructed the first bridge across the Rock River at Beloit in 1842. In 1843 Field and Lusk began another business endeavor: The partnership constructed a mill on the race near what is now Wisconsin and East Grand. Named for its long-time operator DeLorma Brooks, the *Brooks Mill* produced cracked grain for livestock for many years. In May of 1843 a son, Sylvester Graham, was born. In 1843 Field was appointed Beloit's second postmaster by President John Tyler. For the two years he was postmaster he operated from his home at State and St. Paul Streets, and earned \$566.55 for his services. In 1845 the Fields moved to a stone house Alfred built on the south side of Broad St. near Prospect, and in that same year a second daughter, again named Mary, was born. Their last child, James, was born in 1847.

Alfred Field's name is inseparable from the story of Congregationalism in Beloit. The Monadnock Congregational Church of Colebrook gave letters of recommendation and dismissal to Field and others "to join any church of Christ where God in his providence shall call them." He was present in Caleb Blodgett's kitchen for the organizational meeting of the *First Congregational Church*, December 30, 1838, and with Eliza was one of its charter members. His father, Peter, who had moved to Beloit, was chosen as the first deacon of the church. In 1859 when Beloit Congregationalists wanted to build a church on the city's west side, Alfred was one of Second Congregational's founding members, and he and Eliza were enrolled as the first and second members of the new church. Like his father, Alfred was elected the first deacon; he was also the first clerk and one of the first church trustees.

Mr. Field was associated with many other activities in Beloit's early history: He was an inspector for one of the two original county school districts created in 1839; was named one of the original board members of what became the Beloit Seminary; for a time in the 1850s he was the cashier of the Rock River Bank in Beloit Beloit's first regular bank; and his name appears along with David Bundy's in the firm of *Bundy and Field*, druggists, located on State near Broad in the 1850s.

In 1856 Alfred and Eliza purchased the property and house at the southeast corner of West Grand and Bluff. The attractive house on the property was located on the crest of the hill, and was affectionately called by Eliza her "Bird's Nest Cottage." The Field Mansion was a well-known landmark for many years.

At age 55 Alfred volunteered for service during the Civil War. A call went out for 100-day soldiers, and a company was organized in Beloit that became part of the 40th Wisconsin. Field served as quartermaster of the 40th, and noted professor James Blaisdell of Beloit College was the regiment's chaplain. Alfred's son Sylvester also enlisted. They served from May to September of 1864.

After his military service the only other reference to Alfred is regarding his death. As he was attempting to board a train somewhere near Beloit that was apparently moving, he slipped. He died December 15, 1868, only 59 years old. Eliza lived for many more years, dividing her time between the Field home and her daughter Mary's home in Brooklyn, New York. Eliza Field passed away in Brooklyn on January 13, 1902.



Residence of AL Field Esq. Beloit.

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From The Director

Since the last issue

The first event of the year was *An Evening at Lincoln Center with Lance Brown* performing a gem of a program entitled "A Tribute to Will Rogers." The February event was attended by 120 people and was well received by all.

As mentioned in the last newsletter Quilting Classes are again being taught this year. The ever popular Bobbie Fiske has had standing room only for the first few classes taught. These classes will run through the last Saturday of March. They are held every Saturday starting in February and run 9-3:00 p.m. Cost this year is \$11 for members and \$12 for non members.



The Annual Fund Drive begun in November and ending in February was the best in recent years, though we would like to make the \$14,000 we did in 1998. Still, this past year was a good one for us. We raised \$9590 from 105 donors. It was the third best showing in seven years.

Something new for the Society

Look for a *new look* at the Beloit Historical Society. Recently we chose a new logo and redeveloped our brochure with it on the front cover. Soon the sign located on Hackett Street will get a major change-over as well. It is time for change and we hope you like it. The old symbol of the face of Abraham Lincoln and Hanchett-Bartlett encircled served a useful purpose for 15 plus years.

Watch for a new exhibit going up in the coming months. The theme of this exhibit is the 1950s and 1960s. We're looking for artifacts and pictures and will give a brief sketch of Beloit during those years. If you have items of this period you could loan us for the exhibit we would be interested to hear from you. Please give us a call at 365-7835.

Paul K. Kerr

From the Files



From a 1969 City Activities Scrapbook. The Beloit Daily News article is dated April 15, 1969.

Speaking of overwhelming – just wait until the new Chas. V. Weise Department Store in Beloit Plaza opens Thursday. From the 60 color-coded departments to Weise Town Hall, which seats 80 and is available to civic organizations free of charge, the only word is overwhelming. The Children's Department has nursery animals painted on the wall, the boys' dressing room has felt figures and the girls' dressing area is an attractive black and white, polka dot pattern. There are two welded metal sculptures, and one of them features a waterfall.

"It's all in connection with the modern spirit of the store," said Gorlyn Wermager, manager. Besides being available to civic organizations, Wermager said Weise's will conduct fashion shows, foundation clinics and beauty schools in its auditorium.

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LORETTA'S VOLUNTEER NEWS

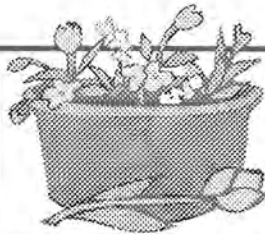
At the Homestead!

The Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead will open for Elementary School Tours in May. No schedule has been passed on to the Society as to which schools will participate and the dates that they will visit. As soon as we receive this information we will inform our Hanchett-Bartlett docents by phone or mail. There will also be a docent sign-up calendar at the Volunteer Recognition Brunch for those who are willing to help in guiding tours.

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities?

For more information contact

Loretta Hatch, Coordinator of Volunteers
at (608) 365-7835



The Garden Club is planning two dates for spring clean-up at Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead. Planting and weeding will take place on March 25 and March 31 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Anyone interested in dusting, sweeping or mopping the interior of the house and one-room school house on these dates, please contact Loretta Hatch at Lincoln Center (608) 365-7835.

Volunteer Recognition Brunch

Thursday, April 8
10:00 a.m.



Clifford Lueck, musician and collector of vintage musical instruments, will provide musical entertainment for this year's Volunteer Recognition Brunch, along with friend and accompanist Pattie Zulli. The two musicians from Watertown, Wisconsin, have dedicated a number of years to their musical performances including programs on Christmas carols, music of the Irish, the Renaissance and much more.

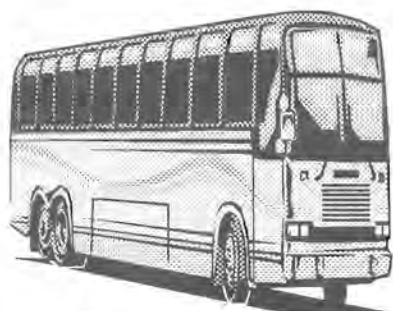
Mr. Lueck is the director of vocals and instruments for Watertown Phoenix Theatre Company and performs as an actor, singer, dancer and musician. His vintage collection of instruments include such pieces as a cigar box guitar, a 1891 Neapolitan mandolin, a Marxophone zither and a mirba type gourd-resonated lamellaphone, known as a thumb drum. During his musical performance Mr. Lueck will also share some of the pieces from his collection.

Tour Guide Training Planned for Hanchett - Bartlett Homestead

Do you have a passion for history and willingness to share your knowledge? If so, this is the perfect opportunity for you. The Beloit Historical Society is planning a tour guide training session for persons interested in becoming a volunteer tour guide (docent) for the Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead in Beloit.

The session will be held at Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead 2149 St. Lawrence Ave., on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. It is free and open to anyone interested in participating. We encourage all men and women to attend. This is a great opportunity for college students and senior citizens. Keep in mind that experience is not needed and hands-on training, refreshments and materials will be provided. The session will include discussion of tour giving techniques and the basics of becoming a docent, along with a guided tour of the 1857 Homestead that has been restored to period colors and contains furnishings from the 1850s-1885. You will also have a guided tour of the original limestone barn, smoke house and the Daisy Chapin one-room schoolhouse. Potential docents will be offered hands-on training until feeling comfortable with the program.

Volunteer docents are a very important part of the Homestead and without them the Historical Society would not be able to keep the Homestead open to the public or offer field trips to school groups. School tours will begin in May and continue through the first week of June. Summer tours will run May-August from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Wed-Sun, and September and October by appointment only. For further information or to register you may Contact Loretta Hatch, Coordinator of Volunteers, at Lincoln Center 608-365-7835.



August 10, 2004

**RESERVE
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SEAT TODAY!**

**Ten Chimney's
Bus Tour**

The Beloit Historical Society & Travel Connection of Clinton, WI, are planning a bus tour on August 10, 2004, to historic "*Ten Chimneys*," the estate of the most revered acting team in American theater, Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne.

The Beloit Historical Society will provide a continental breakfast at 7:45 a.m. before departing from Lincoln Center, 845 Hackett Street, Beloit, at approximately 8:15 a.m. Cost for the tour is \$75 for members of the Historical Society and \$80 for non-members. Cost includes bus, meals and tours.

Ten Chimneys, nestled in the rolling Kettle Moraine of southern Wisconsin is a home of theatrical nobility. Seventy five years ago the Lunts created Ten Chimneys with the same humanizing wit and passion for perfection that distinguished their stage performance. For decades, Ten Chimneys inspired the country's finest actors, writers, designers, directors and artists and is remembered as the Lunt's most tangible and enduring legacy.

The estate includes the elegant three-story, 18 room main house, an 8 room country cottage, an 18th century Swedish log cabin, a unique pool & pool-house, a creamery, a greenhouse, barns, stables and other outbuildings. Each room was created as a stage set with murals on walls and ceilings throughout the estate, in addition to creating other unique decorative effects. The estate is filled with remarkable collections of arts and artifacts, all with personal connections, theatrical references and coexisting in perfect harmony.

A living monument to theater and arts, Ten Chimneys is overflowing with memorabilia: Notes from Laurence Olivier, snapshots of the Lunts with Queen Mother and Charlie Chaplin, mementos from Helen Hayes & Noel Coward and remembrances from dozens of other intimates and luminaries. Ten Chimneys is as personal as a diary. As guests journey through the estate they are surrounded - and often inspired - by Lynn and Alfred's creativity, passion and humor.

The tour continues upon departure from Ten Chimneys to Reiman Publications Headquarters in Greendale - home of "*Taste of Home*" and "*Country*" Magazine where tour participants will dine for lunch and get time to browse the gift shops, gardens and much more. The bus will depart from Greendale at 4:00 p.m. and return to Beloit's Lincoln Center at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Seats are limited, therefore, reservations are being made in advance. Those interested in participating can contact Lincoln Center for further information at (608) 365-7835. Reservations may be made by check, money order or cash, and made payable to Travel Connection, 507 Wagner Dr. Box 90, Clinton, WI 53525. Registration forms may be picked up at Lincoln Center or mailed by request.

Office Volunteer Opportunity

Due to staff vacation the Beloit Historical Society will be in need of **Office Volunteers** at Lincoln Center from 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on the following dates: **Tuesday, June 8; Monday, June 28; Wednesday, June 30; Friday, July 2; Wednesday, July 7; and Friday, July 9.** Volunteer responsibilities include answering phones, greeting visitors and light office duties. If you or anyone you know would consider helping on any of these dates, please call Loretta at Lincoln Center (608) 365-7835.



The following is a list of cash contributors for the calendar year 2003, and grouped by giving category. Every effort has been made to have complete and accurate information. If an omission or mistake is found, please contact BHS at 365-7835. Thank you.

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We currently have 766 members on our rolls. The following people have renewed their membership or have become new members between December 12, 2003, and March 17, 2004. A big Thank You for supporting the Beloit Historical Society! (Underlined indicates new member; numbers next to names refer to multi-year renewals.)

Marlys Ambler	<u>Matt Dickert</u>	Susan Hartman	<u>Julia Leavengood-</u>	Walter & Joyce
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There is an ultramodern sprinkler system (just in case) and the only incinerator at the Plaza which is gas fueled and the best available in pollution control, according to Jerry Welch, a vice president of the Weise group.

Weise's is the first store to have escalators in Beloit and it boasts two of them, one up and one down. Glass counters and numerous gazebos throughout the store have made for an orderly and attractive use of the 58,000 square feet of merchandising space. A Penthouse, housing the heating, cooling, water softening and electrical equipment, brings the total square footage to 73,000. The first electrical bill was for \$2,200.

Six flagpoles will hold the federal, state and city flags. The women's dressing rooms sport orange curtains. Candelabras, gold painted wooden beams, hanging fish nets, wood paneling and simulated brick separate department walls and a shopper will be able to stand anywhere in the store and know where one department begins and another ends.

More than 150 full and part-time persons will be employed. Most positions are filled, but there are still a few openings. One employee at the snack bar previously worked at the Beloit College Student Union several years.

If all this isn't enough, the building is constructed so a third story can be added.

The Beloit Historical Society exists due to the generosity of its members and the community. Thanks to all who have contributed since our last newsletter (from December 10, 2003, through March 17, 2004)



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In Memory

*of Carl "Pete" Edwards
from George & Liz Merchant and
Bill & Carol Bolgrien*

*of Don Reichard
from Bev Reichard and Scott & Jean Reichard*

*of William Dilworth
from Betty Dilworth*

*of Forest & Thelma Hile
from Sharon Hile Eisendrath for Sponsor-A-Day*

Please keep in mind that the Beloit Historical Society is a worthy organization to receive a **memorial gift**. Past memorials have been put to good use for special purchases or exhibits. Consider us when it comes time to remember your loved ones, or even include us in your estate planning.

Scholarship Fund

Every year the Society awards scholarships to students who are pursuing studies in the field of history. The Society has a continuing need of funds for our Scholarship program. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Beloit Historical Society's Scholarship Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



A Look at Alfred Field (Continued from page 4)

The Field Mansion continued to be occupied by the Field's son Sylvester until 1916 when the city of Beloit purchased the property for \$27,000. For a time the house was home to Beloit's newly formed Red Cross chapter; during the Spanish Flu epidemic it was used for overflow when the city hospitals were full. Then sometime in the early 1920s the house was removed. The Field name has been associated with the southeast corner of Bluff and W. Grand for 150 years, and today is a reminder of one of Beloit's significant pioneers.



At Lincoln Center...

Ron Klein has been busy lately organizing the Luebke Library; it will be a little more "user-friendly" when he's done. You'll notice some new exhibits when you walk in our main lobby, and soon new exhibits will be coming to our Beloit Gallery. And watch for the new look on our sign out front.

Do you have a jar full of pennies (or nickels, dimes or quarters) that you'd like to get rid of? You can put them to good use by dropping them off at the Lincoln Center. In October we cashed in our accumulated coins and received \$270! Thanks to everyone who remembered to "drop in a Lincoln penny for Lincoln Center."

BONUS FOR NEW MEMBERS!

If you aren't a member of the Beloit Historical Society, why not consider joining us? You will become part of Beloit's repository of history, one of Wisconsin's oldest local historical societies (founded 1910), and enjoy the many benefits offered (see the membership form below.) And as an incentive to becoming a new member we offer a **free book** if you sign up: *Pioneer Beloit* by Arthur Luebke, *History of the Beloit Fire Department* by Herb Christiansen, or *Sparks from the Flaming Wheel*. Please join us in celebrating Beloit's history!

AN INVITATION...

The Beloit Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of Beloit's rich history. Please support us by becoming a member, and receive membership benefits: The quarterly newsletter, *Confluence*; free admission to the Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead and complimentary passes for friends; affiliate membership in the Wisconsin State Historical Society; and discounts on Society activities, programs, and souvenirs.

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Notes From Home

Dinner Theatre

Saturday, June 12, 2004

Lincoln Center

6:00 p.m. - Cocktails 6:30 p.m. - Dinner

7:30 p.m. Performance of "Notes From Home"

(featuring Jack Forbes Wilson and Beloit native Colleen Burns)

Cost \$30 BHS Members \$35 Non-Members



We'll help you remember war bonds, Rosie the Riveter, Victory Gardens, K-rations and nylon stockings with seams when Beloit Historical Society hosts its annual Dinner Theatre. Financial sponsors have been obtained to help make this production possible along with a generous donation of time and talent from Colleen Burns. Sponsors include Blackhawk State Bank, Theatre Getaways (Loren Sass), Drevdahl Auto Body and Edward Jones (Martin Howe).

A buffet meal of roast pork, chicken cordon blue, baked potatoes, green beans almondine, salad and rolls with butter will be catered. Appetizers and dessert will be provided by the planning committee. Activities are being planned to occur during cocktail hour and are traditionally aimed to raise extra funds for the Historical Society.

Notes From Home brings back memories of the 1940s through popular songs of the day and actual letters to and from servicemen serving in World War II. It has been called "a wonderful tribute to an era gone by and a wonderful reminder of how songs should sound." Jack and Colleen have toured their show since 2001. The duo have been named by *Madison Magazine* as two of the 25 Most Appealing People in Madison and have twice been named to the magazine's list of the 100 Best & Brightest.

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