

## *You've Got Mail: A Brief History of Beloit Postal Service*

By Loretta Hatch



**B.F. Lanphear**, Beloit Postal Carrier in 1913, pictured with his mail wagon and a livery man holding the horse.

When the Continental Congress named Benjamin Franklin the first Postmaster General in 1775, the United States was a weak confederation of colonies scattered along the eastern seaboard. The postal system that congress created helped bind the new nation together, support the growth of commerce, and ensure a free flow of ideas and information. Today Postal Service fuels the nation's economy and delivers millions of messages and billions of dollars in financial transactions each day.

Not only did the evolution of postal service change nationally, but many changes also occurred right here in Beloit. It is difficult to imagine, but in 1836 the closest post office to Beloit was in Chicago. Mail from Chicago was carried by stage to Rockford, then to Roscoe by horseback.

In the early part of the 19th century,

envelopes weren't even used. Instead, a letter was folded and the address was placed on the outside of the sheet. The customer had to take the letter to the nearest post office to mail it, and the addressee had to pick up the letter at the post office. Unfortunately, this was impossible for most Beloiters because that meant traveling great distances for mail service.

It was three years later in 1839 that Beloit was given regular mail service - one delivery to and from Chicago per week. At this time Beloit was honored to have its own postmaster appointed by President Martin Van Buren. The first Postmaster, John Hackett, son-in-law of Caleb Blodgett, established his office on the southeast corner of State and East Grand Avenue where Beloiters could go to retrieve their mail. Beloit began to enjoy the most efficient and modern service possible. By 1847, postage stamps became available, giving mailers the option of sending their letters; however, it was the responsibility of the recipient to pay the postage fee, which only continued until 1855.

In 1890 Beloit was under the postmastership of Chalmers Ingersoll. During Ingersoll's administration the post office was moved to 346 Bridge St. (now W. Grand Avenue), where it remained until 1910. Free delivery of letters for Beloit to began on July 1, 1890. At this time it was mandatory to have house numbers for delivery of personal mail to business offices and households. Letter boxes were also to be attached to each dwelling. The inside windows at the post office were open on Sundays until 1:00 p.m., and mail was even delivered on Christmas Day. On March 31, 1911, mail delivery on Sundays was stopped. During that time, the postage fee was 2 cents per ounce, unlike in the earlier 1830s when the nearest post office was in Chicago

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

For further  
information on  
Society events call  
Lincoln Center  
(608) 365-7835

**Thursday, April 14 – Volunteer Recognition Lunch**

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lincoln Center. Luncheon and program by Cheryl Licary and the Beloit Memorial High School all-girl chorus.

**Wednesday, June 22 – Chicago Bus Tour**

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# Think Spring!

***Cub Food Receipts***

Our last batch of receipts brought in **\$61.52**. 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 !!

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## *Inside the Adams Collection Room*



*Art Nouveau Calling Card Tray. The cast bronze tray advertises the Golden Eagle Clothing House, a fixture in downtown Beloit for many years.*

*An Edison Concert Phonograph. Introduced in 1899, the Concert Phonograph had a larger cylinder to produce a louder sound. Retailing for \$125 (cylinders were \$4), it was not a big seller, and production ceased in 1912.*



## *From the Files*



*From Centennial History of the Town of Turtle, 1836-1936  
by Annie McLenegan*

The full story of the boundary between Wisconsin and Illinois is a humorous one; but it is also sorrowful evidence of the great labor of many, one step at a time, and often over again, in bringing order out of the wilderness. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 provided that a line drawn east and west through the south end of Lake Michigan should be used in creating not more than five states and not less than three out of Northwest Territory. In making Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan, what was thought to be this line was used. But it did not "come out right," and made all kinds of trouble, which resulted in slicings off of and additions to the newly made states to satisfy all concerned. Finally, a mere beaver trapper, who measured by the north star, told both surveyors and political

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**Beloit Post Office, c. 1915**

continued as Beloit's post office until a more modern facility was erected 1969 at the foot of Broad and Mill Streets. The dedication of the new post office building was held on May 18, 1969, under the assistant postmastership of Don W. Owens. This building remains today as the Beloit Post Office. The current postmaster is Gerald Deppisch.

Through the years many postmasters and carriers have come and gone as well as many post office locations. Mail service has been greatly expanded from a horse-drawn vehicle to modern automotive delivery trucks. There is still much more to mail service that people don't realize, especially the effort that is put forth to ensure that each piece gets to where it is supposed to go. Just think !! If everything operates smoothly, some of you will be reading this article within 24 hours after it has been mailed.

On the next page is a listing of the Postmasters of Beloit. The information was derived from the files of Beloit Historical Society and through the Beloit Postal Service. If corrections need to be made to update our files or if someone has additional information on Beloit postal history you are welcome to visit us at Lincoln Center or contact us at (608) 365-7835.



25 cents per half ounce. Four carriers were appointed to deliver the mail, and a regular workday consisted of 11 hours. Each carrier was equipped with a large leather pouch and clothed in a uniform of cadet blue with trim in black braid. The carriers were Charles Hansen, Charles Stocking, John Donnelley and Dana Richards. Charles Hansen died in 1893 and his position was filled by Fred Oliver. Other known carriers include John Resseque, Edwin Bailey and William Henrich. In February of 1912 a new post office was built at 501-511 East Grand Avenue and Pleasant Street under the postmastership of D. B. Worthington and his assistant C. W. Steele.

In 1913 the parcel post delivery was inaugurated in Beloit with Arthur Ellis being the appointed mail carrier. The post office building was enlarged in 1931 and



**Todd Mathews, Beloit Postal Carrier since 1995.**  
Pictured here in 2005 with a modern day delivery truck.

## From The Director

### Since the last issue

The fund drive which ended January brought in to the Society's operating budget \$8600, a little down from the previous year, but still greatly appreciated. We sincerely thank all those who contributed to this year's Operating Fund Drive.



The new exhibit in the Arthur Missner Veterans Gallery is nearing completion. An exhibit of a complete display of John Heineke's WWII patches will be presented to the viewing public starting the first week of April. This exhibit, which will consist of other Veteran-related artifacts from the Society's collection, will be on display for the next year.

Quilting classes began the first Saturday of February and will run through the last Saturday of March. This year they have been more popular than ever. Not one class has had less than 21 people in attendance, and some have had 28 or more.

Nearly 100 people attended *An Evening at Lincoln Center* and the entertaining presentation on Light Houses by Ken and Barbara Wardius. The program was warmly received, with a few people purchasing the Wardius's recent publication of *Light Houses in Wisconsin*.

April 14th is the date for the Society's annual Volunteer Lunch which will be held at noon here at Lincoln Center. Cheryl Licary and her all-girl choir of about 24 students will perform that Thursday. Please join us for a catered lunch and entertainment. This is our big thank you to all those volunteers who make everything we do possible. We will get invitations out within a few weeks.

The Bus Tour to Chicago on 22 June is set. We will be leaving at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday and arrive at the Pullman Historic District for a tour scheduled at 10:00 a.m. From there we drive to the LaPetite Restuarant near our next stop which is the Robie House - designed by the internationally renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Following that tour we will be guided to historic buildings on the University of Chicago's campus. Price for members is \$75 and for non-members \$85. We want to have a full bus so please consider joining us for a full day of enlightenment and tasty French cuisine.

**Paul K. Kerr**



## Postmasters of Beloit, Wisconsin

|                     |           |  |              |
|---------------------|-----------|--|--------------|
| John Hackett        | 1839-1843 | David B. Worthington                               | 1907-1915    |
| Albert Field        | 1843-1845 | Charles Steele                                     | 1915-1925    |
| David Noggle        | 1845-1849 | Lorenz F. Rosenthal                                | 1925-1933    |
| Ward C. Spalding    | 1849-1853 | John Riordan (first <u>native-born</u> postmaster) | 1934-1942    |
| Allen Worden        | 1853-1857 | Mark J. Finnegan                                   | 1943-1968    |
| Mat d. Pasco        | 1857-1859 | Assistant: Don W. Owens                            | 1969-        |
| Lucius G. Fisher    | 1859-1867 | Joseph I. Thompson                                 | 1979-        |
| Franklin W. Oakley  | 1867-1871 | Alene Dailey                                       | 1988-1992    |
| Dr. Henry P. Strong | 1871-1883 | Thomas G. Quesnell                                 | 1993-1995    |
| Chalmers Ingersoll  | 1883-1887 | Susan A. Janczac-Scanlan                           | 1995-1998    |
| Clinton Babbitt     | 1887-1891 | Gerald Deppisch                                    | 1998-2000    |
| Chalmers Ingersoll  | 1891-1895 | Gerald Deppisch                                    | 2001-Present |
| James G. Wickhem    | 1895-1899 |  |              |
| Chalmers Ingersoll  | 1899-1907 |  |              |

# LORETTA'S VOLUNTEER NEWS

## Looking for Office Volunteers at Lincoln Center!!!

Some Tuesday or  
Wednesday Afternoons  
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Duties include answering phone, greeting visitors  
and some occasional filing or research requests

For more information contact  
Loretta Hatch, Coordinator of  
Volunteers at (608) 365-7835

## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

Jeff Reese



## Did You Know...

... that Conrad Hansen, postal  
employee for 46 years, wore out 3  
model Ts and a Model A as a parcel  
post carrier?

## Wish List For Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead

Baby carriage for front entry-way

Old paintings for dining room

Appropriate china cabinet for dining room

Set of formal china & cutlery for dining  
room

Gold tasseled roping for barriers across  
parlor doors

Antique table lamps (kerosene/converted  
kerosene to electric)

Appropriate carpet for dining room

*A reminder to 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.*

### *Know Your Beloit History*

- (1). Settlers coming here from the Eastern United States organized themselves into a group known as the: \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2). Abraham Lincoln spoke in Beloit in 1859. What was the date of his earlier visit to Beloit? \_\_\_\_\_.
- (3.) What is Beloit's City Flower? \_\_\_\_\_.
- (4). What do the Blue, Yellow and Green stripes stand for in the Beloit Flag? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- (5). Who was known as "Zeus" to many generations of Beloit College students? \_\_\_\_\_.
- (6). In what year was the Beloit Historical Society founded? \_\_\_\_\_.
- (7). Which women's club was the impetus for founding the Society? \_\_\_\_\_.
- (8). How many cities in the United States are named Beloit, \_\_\_\_\_ and, where are they located? \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers: (1): The New England Emigrating Company (2). 1832 (3). Petunia  
(4). River, Grain and Prairie (5). Professor Joseph Emerson (6). 1910  
(7). East End Club (8). 5 - Alabama, Kansas, Iowa, Ohio and Wisconsin

## **Looking for Volunteer Docents (Tour Guides)**

**For May-June**

**Elementary School Tours**

**Training and Docent Manual Provided**

**For more information contact**

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

**Tour Scheduled!!**

**Wright Elementary School**

**Thursday, May 26 at 9:30 a.m..**

**Interested docents please contact Loretta at (608) 365-7835**

*The following is a list of cash contributors for the calendar year 2004, 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 us at 365-7835. Thank you.*

### **\$1000 and over**

Beloit Evening Lions Club  
Robert Solem Fund  
Elgeva Bacon  
Robert Bort  
Jane Solem

### **\$500 to \$999**

City of Beloit  
Civil War Round Table  
Town of Beloit  
Visit Beloit  
Robert & Glenda Burdick  
Dave & Annie Collins  
Jackie & Bill Landers  
Carol & Bob Schwaegler  
Laverne & Theodore Stevenson  
Gary & Lois Swanson

### **\$200 to \$499**

Blackhawk State Bank  
Intermediate Women's Club  
Regal-Beloit  
Stateline Community Foundation  
F. Caleb Blodgett  
Dorothy Brown  
Betty Dilworth  
Roger Dutcher  
Ken & Diane Hendricks  
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Marcella Savage  
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Roger & Gail Taylor  
Allen Tuftee  
Dorothy Watson

### **\$100 to \$199**

Beloit Box Board  
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Chapter BB of the P.E.O.  
Drevdahl Auto Body  
Edward Jones  
First Federal  
Kerry Ingredients  
Theatre Getaways  
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Harry Padon  
Catherine & Steven Piazza  
Bev Reichard  
Terry & Tricia Russell  
Eugene & Jackie Weeden  
Hank & Lyn Woodard

### **\$1 to \$99**

Beloit Federation of Women  
Beloit Floral  
Coterie  
North American Tool  
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*Thank  
You!*

We currently have 765 members on our rolls. The following people have renewed their membership or have become new members between December 15, 2004, and March 9, 2005. A big Thank You for supporting the Beloit Historical Society! (Underlined indicates new member; numbers next to names refer to multi-year renewals.)

|   |   |   |  |   |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| <u>Katie Algrem</u><br>Marlys Ambler<br>John & Jean Anderson<br><u>Lanaya Ballou</u><br>Gillian & Mark<br>Batterman (2)<br>Bill & Bunny Behling<br>Beloit Box Board<br>Jan Betz<br>Richard Blakely (2)<br>Roger & Shirley<br>Brendemuehl<br>Lillian Brown<br>Phyllis Bruyere<br><u>Avery Burroughs</u><br>Ray & Virginia Carlson<br><u>Adriana Caviedes</u><br>Esther Churchill<br>Jean Combs<br>Robert & Sarajane<br>Crave<br>Loris & Arno Damerow | Robert & Donna<br>Darling<br>Harry & Ruth Davis<br>Vicki & Gary Dencker<br><u>Jason Dill</u><br>Dick & Val Dunagan<br>Ruth Dunnick<br>Walter & Patricia<br>Egdorf<br>Ken & Char Endthoff<br>Kenneth & Connie<br>Fairbert<br>Jim Finnegan<br><u>Hannah Fredrickson</u><br>Ralph & Helen<br>Garman<br>Kenneth & Vernice<br>Hansen (2)<br>Susan Hartman<br>Richard & Ilah Hartung<br><u>Rose Menyon Heflin</u> | Andrew & Maggie<br>Janke<br><u>Erin Elizabeth</u><br><u>Johnson</u><br><u>Kristi Jones</u><br>Tom Jones<br>Roger & Shirley<br>Kemman<br>James Kuhn<br>Bette Lang & Tom<br>Evert<br>Arnold & Marcia Lee<br>Roberta Lightfoot<br>Betty Lowrey<br><u>Danielle Meehan</u><br>Charles Mellom<br><u>Jerold &amp; Donna</u><br><u>Mikkelsen</u><br>Martha & Bill Mitchell<br>Shar & Don Morello<br>Phyllis Morrison<br>Mary & Ralph Napper | Tom & Judy Nee<br>Bill New (3)<br>Richard & Shirley<br>Newsome<br>Tom & Kay<br>Nightingale<br>Inez Noto (2)<br><u>Katelynn Pynder</u><br>Michael & Ulla-Brith<br>Quinn<br>Louise Reidenbach<br>Ellen Ring<br>Joyce Ronan<br><u>Terry &amp; Tricia</u><br><u>Russell</u><br>Loren & Diane<br>Sass (3)<br>Pat Sauser<br>Joyce & Ray<br>Schoenfield<br>Phyllis Schultz<br>Margaret Schweder | Tom Scott<br>Bea Shaffer<br><u>Kara Sitton</u><br>Joe & Jean Sorrentino<br><u>Marcia Stacy</u><br>Melbourne & Dolores<br>Steil<br>Kim Story<br>Ronald & Janet Tilley<br>Dolores Trickey<br>Gene & Connie Van<br>Galder<br>Robert & Geri Wallis<br>Dorothy Watson (2)<br>Oscar & Mildred<br>Wedel<br>Eric Wentworth<br><u>Katherine West</u><br>Christine Williams<br>Rolland & Elizabeth<br>Worthing<br>Bill & Nicki Yoss (3) |
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leaders that the end of Lake Michigan was farther south than they thought it was. Congress ordered more surveys; but, when they did find out the correct latitude of the point, in making Wisconsin, they proceeded to disregard it. In order to give Illinois a lake frontage, the boundary line between Illinois and Wisconsin was pushed up to 42 degrees, 30 minutes, which was selected, it would seem, merely "as a good place to stop."

This line was then ordered surveyed at an early date. At the close of the Black Hawk War, 1832, a survey was made by Lucius Lyon and John Messenger, the former doing the work with little else than a pocket compass and by observation of nature. This line, meant to be a straight east and west line, appears so on all ordinary maps. In reality, it runs from northwest to southeast. The line is much farther north in west Wisconsin and much farther south in the eastern part of the state, beginning at about Beloit, than it should be. Modern surveyors declare the line even zig-zags between the section lines which touch this boundary at every six miles, in both states.

The State Line road runs near what has been accepted as the State Line only a short way out of Beloit to the east. It then leaves the boundary to run north. All early settlers heard the heated discussions about the line. Yet the boundary, however imperfect, was accepted. The pioneers had so much to contend with that, possibly because of the great hardship in changing land titles from one state to another, should the boundary be moved, they "let well enough alone." It is said the State Line should pass through Beloit at about the Goodwin Block [State and Grand], instead of through the Wilford Lumber Yards [near State and Shirland], as it does. The village of Bergen in the Town of Clinton is on the line, as it has been left; but the line should go farther north at Bergen. Between the Meech and Egery farms is a bridge over Egery Creek, which marks the supposed State Line.

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 13, 2004, through March 9, 2005)



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from Dorothy Watson

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**In Memory of Sylvester & Ruth Burdick**  
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### Sponsor-A-Day

Why not consider sponsoring a day at Lincoln Center? By contributing the average cost of daily operations at the Society (\$300), you can pick a day to commemorate a special event or the memory of someone. Recognition of the contribution then is published in the Beloit Daily News and Stateline Shopping News.

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.

Do you have a jar full of pennies (or nickels, dimes and quarters) that you'd like to donate to a good cause? You can put them to good use by dropping them off at the Lincoln Center. The last 1/1 time we cashed in our accumulated coins we received \$270! Thanks to everyone who remembered to "drop in a Lincoln penny for Lincoln Center."



## 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.



## 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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|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 1 Year                | \$ 20 | 1 Year            | \$ 25 |
| 2 "                   | 35    | 2 "               | 45    |
| 3 "                   | 50    | 3 "               | 65    |

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|            |       |
|------------|-------|
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| Other      |       |

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## Reserve Your Seats Today! Chicago Historic Pullman District Tour

Seats are beginning to fill for Beloit Historical Society's Chicago Historic Pullman District - Bus Tour on June 22, 2005. Cost for the tour is \$75 per person for members of the Society and \$85 for non-members. A tentative schedule is listed on the right. Cost includes travel fees, admission fees and lunch at La petite folie, a French restaurant in the Hyde Park area. For reservations or further information contact Lincoln Center at (608) 365-7835.

## Bus Tour Itinerary

**7:00 a.m.** – Continental Breakfast, Lincoln Center, 845 Hackett St.

**7:45** – Depart from Lincoln Center

**9:30** – Arrive in Chicago: Historic Pullman Visitor Center  
(View 20 Minute Video - historic overview of Pullman, town & community)

**9:50 to 10:45** – Walking Tour of Visitor's Center & Greenstone Church

**11:00** – Tour Historic Florence Hotel

**11:45** – Depart from Florence Hotel

**12:00 p.m.** – Lunch at La petite folie French Restaurant (Hyde Park District)

**1:30 to 2:45** – Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House Tour

**2:45 to 4:00** – Walking Tour of University of Chicago Campus

**4:00** – Depart from Chicago

**5:30 to 6:00** – Arrive back at Lincoln Center



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