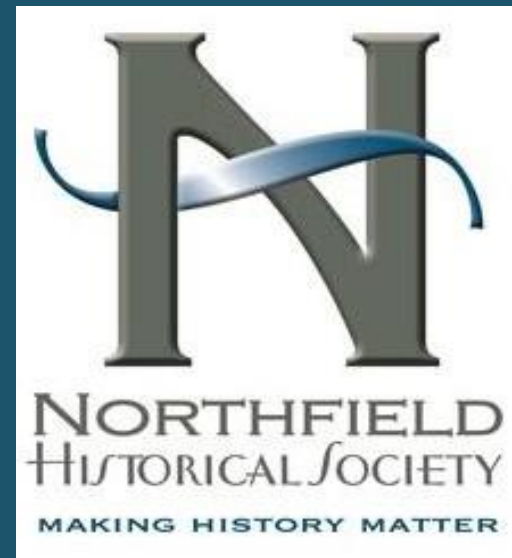
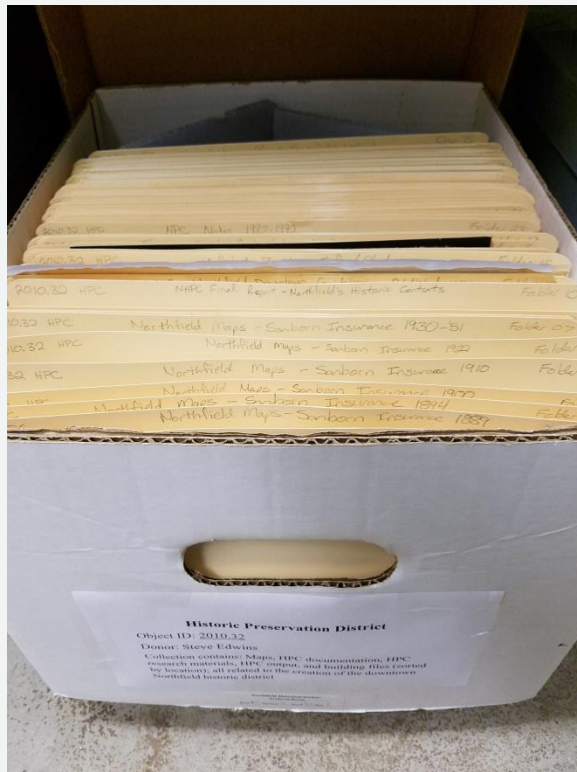


SCOPE OF SERVICES

*Northfield Historical Society Mid-Year Report
September 1, 2020*



Provide proper care for the objects and records held by CONSULTANT, including those provided by CITY.



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Expand the accessibility of CITY collection through digitization of audio/ visual materials.

Object Description	
Title	Northfield City Council Meeting Minutes, 1903-1911
Creator	City of Northfield
Contributor	Shorrocks, R. F.
Description	Minutes from the city council meetings in Northfield, Minnesota from July 7, 1903 to August 21, 1911.
Date of Creation	1903 - 1911
Minnesota Reflections Topic	Politics and Government
Item Type	Text
Item Physical Format	Books
Locally Assigned Subject Headings	City of Northfield Meeting Minutes Administrative Records
Minnesota City or Township	Northfield
Minnesota County	Rice
Parent Collection	City of Northfield
Contributing Institution	Northfield History Collaborative Northfield Historical Society
Contact Information	Northfield Historical Society, 408 Division St., Northfield, MN, 55057, http://www.northfieldhistory.org

Provide digital copies and links to other websites of all CITY Collection materials.



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A map of Minnesota showing major roads and water bodies. A red location pin is placed in the central part of the state, near a road labeled "MN 33". There are zoom in (+) and zoom out (-) buttons in the top left corner of the map area.

Respond to research requests and provide information on the history of the Northfield area for City of Northfield residents, staff and elected and appointed officials.

Traditional Information Requests:

- Family histories
 - Henry Sibley's background
 - Identifying Black community members
 - History of the DJJD celebration
 - Adelbert Ames' civil war history
 - Norton House history
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History via Social Media

- #WhatsitWednesday
 - #MaskedupMonday
 - Storyteller Series
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Continue to provide the community with engaging programs and exhibits that serves the local population and encourages a broader appreciation of the town and its history.



Minnesota Women and the Campaign for Suffrage

In 1893 Minnesota became a state and a handful of Minnesota women began calling for voting rights. Harriet Blomop, Mary J. Colburn, Jane Grey Swislow, and countless others initiated decades of advocacy for women.

Featured Timeline

- 1848 Jane Grey Swislow is one of the first women to address the House of Representatives.
- 1849 Colburn and Harriet Blomop form suffrage societies in Chgo and Redwood.
- 1878 Women's Club is formed and held office in school building.
- 1877 MWSU petition presented to state assembly and amendments to state constitution to give an "old-time question" but with women's suffrage is passed.
- 1881 Minnesota Women Suffrage Association formed in Hastings.
- 1888 Women's Suffrage bill almost passed in Minnesota.
- 1888 Women's Club is formed and held office in school building.
- 1892 23rd Convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association is convened in Minneapolis.
- 1897 Resolution for a state suffrage amendment added to the MWSU charter.
- 1911 Suffrage amendment passed the MWSU House, but not again in the MWSU Senate.
- 1912 Clara Wilson organized a parade of over 2,000 women suffrage supporters.
- 1913 James Hill for state suffrage amendment failed in the MWSU Senate by one vote.
- 1915 21st Amendment (provisional) suffrage for women adopted by the US Senate by two votes.
- 1917 June 4 - US Congress passed 17th Amendment to US Constitution allowing citizens to vote, but to women's suffrage.
- 1920 August 18 - MWSU petition used to notify the US Congress.
- 1920 October 29 - MWSU Women Suffrage Association becomes the MWSU League of Women Voters.
- 1920 August 20-27 - 21st Amendment becomes the law of the land. First women to vote in US were from South St. Paul.

MINNESOTA DENIES THE VOTE TO CRIMINALS LUNATICS IDIOTS AND WOMEN IS THIS CHIVALRY



At the Minnesota Women Suffrage parade in the Old Market square, Minneapolis, 1912. Harriet Blomop is in the center. She is wearing a dark coat and a hat. The other women are also dressed in early 20th-century attire.



"I am capable of seeing in politics, I am capable of promoting the rights of a citizen against all barriers which rise in the way of equal opportunity and privileges with men."

— Julia Wallace Hanson, February 29, 1888, speaking at the Masonic Lodge, Greenwood, Woodbridge, Ill.



Women in business dress at a suffrage parade, 1912.

Clara Wilson
August 18, 1917



1. 3. Robbing Northfield

The James-Younger Gang targeted Northfield, Minnesota's bank.

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2. 9. The Historic Bank Site

Today you can tour the site of the 1876 bank robbery in Northfield, Minnesota.

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3. 4. September 7, 1876

On September 7, 1876, the James-Younger Gang rode into Northfield to rob the First National Bank.

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4. 2. Founding and Developing Northfield

John North founded a town that was able to thrive on the Cannon River.

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Unrelated to the City Service Contract:

NEW Northfield Raid Exhibit

Originally scheduled to open March 5th.

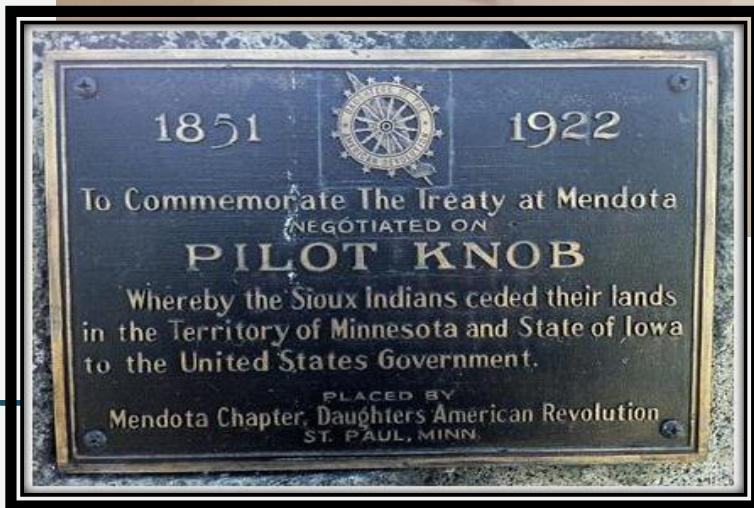
Delayed by February 22 water leak,

COVID-19 Stay-at-Home order, and

Governor Walz' reopening guidelines.

Opened for tours June 11th.

- Begins with land and first people before white settlement in the area



- Identifies local men, women, children, immigrants and minorities who were witnesses

THE PEOPLE OF NORTHFIELD

At home with a friend, Lizzie Heywood

Twenty-six-year-old Ben Richardson was in Mill Square. The African-American barber was born in Virginia. In 1865, at the end of the Civil War, he moved to Minnesota to build a new life. ★

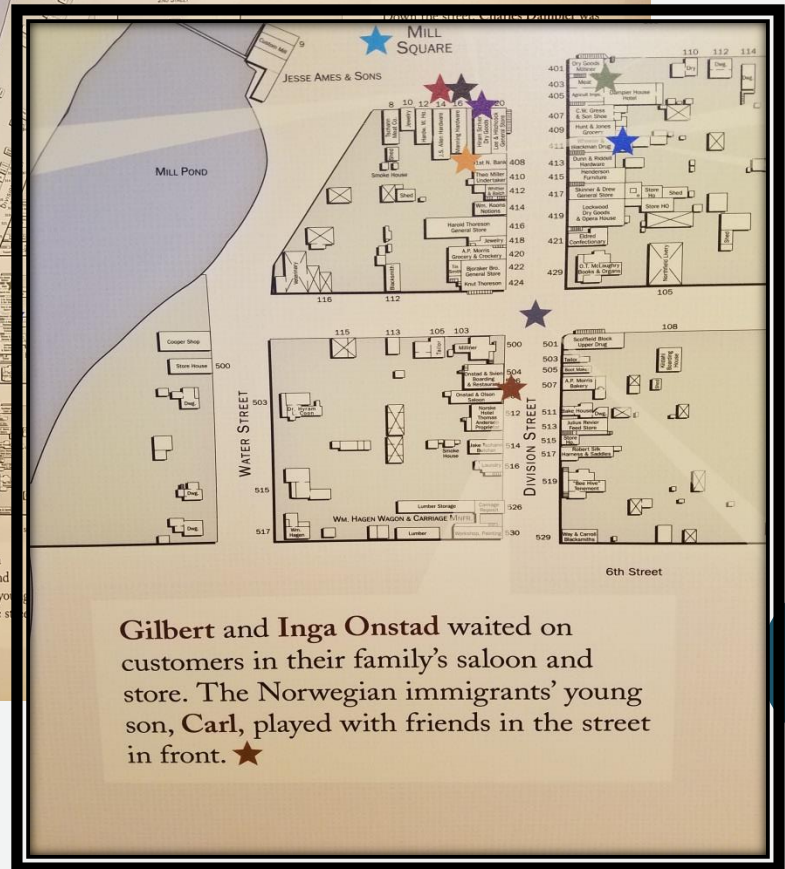
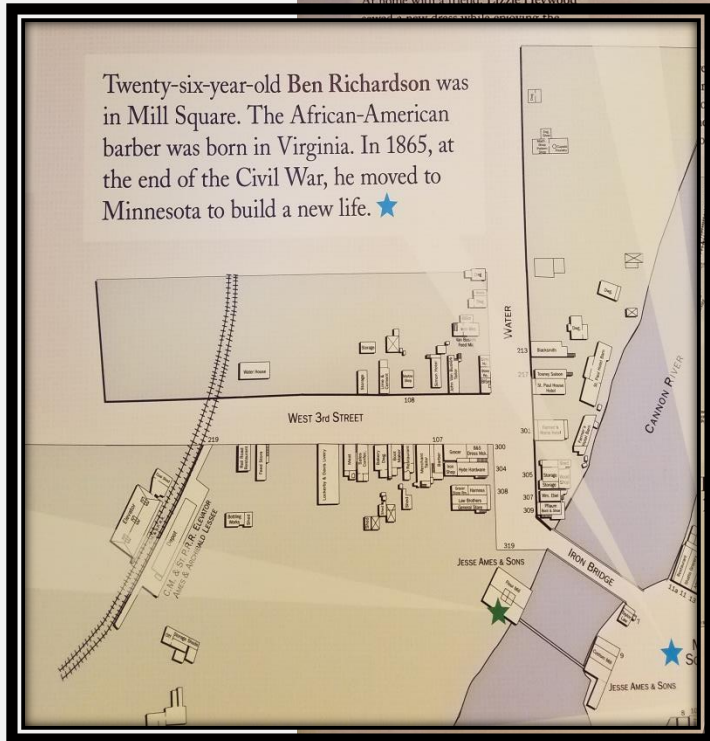
Dentist, Danforth J. Whiting, was with his patient, Adeline Murray. His office was on the second floor of the building that housed the bank and Seriver Dry Goods. ★

Old Ben Richardson was The African-American in Virginia. In 1865, at the end of the Civil War, he moved to Minnesota to build a new life. ★

When Ira Sumner woke on September 7th, he saw a perfect day for prairie chicken hunting. He closed his photography shop and set out. ★

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City funding paid for lighting, handicapped accessibility, display cases, and vitrines.

