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From the "History OF Cottonwood And Watonwan Counties, Minnesota"

Cities	Townships
Butterfield	Adrian Township
Darfur	Antrim Township
La Salle	Butterfield Township
Lewisville	Fieldon Township
Madelia	Long Lake Township
Odin	Madelia Township
Ormsby(partly in Martin County)	Nelson Township
St. James(county seat)	Odin Township
Unincorporated Communities	Riverdale Township
Echols	Rosendale Township
Godahl(partial)	St. James Township
Grogan	South Branch Township
South Branch	
Sveadahl	
Tenmile Corner	



[Biographies](#) ~ [Books](#)

"Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography "  
by Wilson, James Grant, 1832-1914; Fiske, John, 1842-1901  
Publication date 1900

Note: Appleton's also includes Bios for Native American Folk  
[Appleton Review](#) ~ [Archive.org](#) [All Vol's]

"The Centennial History  
of Adrian Township - Darfur Village  
Watonwan County, Minnesota"  
In Observance Of Our Country's Bicentennial Year 1976  
This History Was Published Under The Supervision

Of Adrian Township - Darfur Village  
Spirit OF '73 Committee  
There Is No Index, The Book Is A Fully Searchable Pdf File.  
[Download Here](#) [Family Search Books]

"History OF Cottonwood And Watonwan Counties  
Minnesota  
Their People, industries and institutions"  
John A. Brown: Editor-in-chief  
With Biographical Sketches Of Representative Citizens And  
Genealogical Records Of Many Of The Old Families  
Volumes I & II: Illustrated: 1916  
B. F. Bowen & Company, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana  
[The Biographical Index Is Here](#)  
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"Memorial Record  
Of The  
Counties Of Faribault, Martin, Watonwan And Jackson, Minnesota."  
Illustrated: Chicago.  
The Lewis Publishing Company. 1895.  
[The Biographical Index Is Here](#)  
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"History of the Minnesota Valley"  
By Rev. Edward D Neill  
Minneapolis:  
North Star Publishing Company: 1882  
[Index for the whole book](#) There is no specific Chapter for Watonwan,  
but there are references to folks who lived there.  
[The book can be downloaded here](#), it is full of great information.

"American Women : The official who's who among the women of the nation"  
by Howes, Durward, 1899-  
Publication date, 1937 - V2  
There are two interesting Indexes: Geographical, Occupational  
There is one page of Necrology [Names, no Dates, A - K]  
[The Index for Minnesota and Missouri is Here](#)  
[Read Online or Download \[Archive.org\]](#)

"Who's Who in Minnesota"  
1958: Centennial Edition  
Lithographed in USA  
Brown Printing Co., Waseca, Minn.  
[The Index is Here](#)  
[The book can be downloaded here.](#)

Watonwan folk are listed below and [can be found here](#).  
Bartsch, Walter E ~ Dolliver, Gladys M ~ Gaalswyk, Marion ~ Manahan, Cecil J  
McCarthy, Charles E ~ Moen, Thorvald E ~ Seibert, Charles W

"History of the Great Northwest and it's Men of Progress"  
CGW Hyde, 1901  
Pub: The Minneapolis Journal - [The Index is here.](#)  
[Read Online or Download](#)

Both [Blue Earth County](#) and [Brown](#) Counties are Neighbors, be sure to check there for Biographies  
The FS Wiki has a long list of Biographical Information for Minnesota / [Use this link](#)



More Historical Resources  
There are a lot of books that have been written about Minnesota,

many of them have information  
about Individuals who either were born or who lived there for a time.  
Using " Minnesota History" on the [Archive.org Site](#) gives these results.

I found two books written about [Swedish Immigrants in Minnesota](#).  
They are chock full of very interesting information: Biographies & Genealogies



#### Historical Maps

[Plat Map - 1916](#): Watonwan County

Click on Township of Interest, a Plat with Land / Property Owners names pops up.

[Perry - Castaneda Collection](#) ~ [David Rumsey Collection](#)

Note: The Rumsey Collection now includes 'Search Text on/in Maps'

[MN Department of Natural Resources](#) ~ [Railroad Maps](#)

More...

[From the Alabama Collection](#) ~ [Earthquake Fault Maps](#)

[UWM Libraries Digital Collections](#) ~ [Humboldt State University Map Collection](#) ~ [Sanborn](#)

[Fire Insurance Maps](#) ~ [MapGoose](#)

[Surveyors Maps: 1850's \[Base Maps\]](#) [Click on 'Download County' at left]

[Maplandia for Minnesota](#)



#### Queries, Mail Lists, Lookup Volunteers

[Cyndi's List has a list of Sites that may be used for posting Queries](#)

This is the Mail List for Minnesota: [iogroups, Minnesota](#)

#### Lookup Volunteers and "Help Wanted"

Types of Lookups: Obituaries ~ Books about Watonwan County

Military Records ~ City Directories

Please contact [Martha](#) if you have access to any of the above resources.

I have access to the following Subscription Databases and am happy to do limited lookups:

#### Heritage Hub

Heritage Hub is fairly new and it includes other Digital Newspaper Databases.  
The Collection is extensive, so there are chances that an Obit or Article [Death, Accident,  
Suspicious Death] might be found.

Lookups for Heritage Hub: [Contact Martha](#)

['History Hub' = New Lookup Service](#)

Search for Living People: [Zaba Search](#)

And [RAOGK](#)



<<<What's New>>>

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Also New... [Tutorial on How to Search PDF Books and Publications on the Archive.org Site](#)

["Minnesota Medical Magazine"](#) [Archive Link]

[Here is the Link at the Harvard Library, all of the Issues are linked to the Archive.org Site](#)

Volume 17-25 (1897-1905) of *Northwestern Lancet*,  
26-31 (1906-1911) of the *Journal of the Minnesota State Medical Association and*  
*Northwestern Lancet*,  
32-43, 45, 48-84, 86-88 (1912-1923, 1925, 1928-1964, 1966-1968) of *Journal-Lancet*,  
and

1-83 (1918-2000) of *Minnesota Medicine* are available online

Owned and Published by [The Minnesota Medical Association](#)

There are three 'Versions' beginning with the:  
"Journal Lancet" [3 Issues]

"The Journal

Of The

Minnesota State Medicae Association

The Northwestern Lancet" [9 Issues]

Then the final Version:" Minnesota Medical Magazine" [Still in Publication]

These Magazines vary widely in Topic, but the baseline is Medical in Nature.

When I began digging into them I discovered a unique window into Minnesota's Medical History.

There Journal Articles about Diseases, Maladies, Surgical Procedures, along with the growth of the Medical Industry.

There is such a wide variety, it was difficult to figure out what to share and leave the rest of the information

for the Individual Researcher to glean.

I have parsed out the Indexes: [Please use this Link](#)

Along with the Indexes, there are Obituaries and Memorials.

Some of the Memorials were lengthy: [They can be found Here](#)

The Minnesota Medical Association has the Authority to prosecute persons who violate their laws.

In almost every Volume there were Criminal Prosecutions.

[Some of the Cases were included on the pages with the memoirals](#)

Because there were dozens of Magazines to go through, I created Yearly Sections of Information

Indexes, Medical Rosters, Memorials, Obituaries, Articles

[1904 - 1650](#) ~ [1951 - 1960](#) ~ [1961 - 1970](#) ~ [1971 - 1975](#) ~ [1976 - 1999](#)

Lastly, There were Histories of Medicine written for some Counties:

The Chart Below gives the Year when the Article was Written and the Name of The MN County

There are also Articles on Homeopathic Medicine, Lake Superior, Missabe Range, Pioneer Doctors .

Also a History of the MN Medical Association and Early MN Hospitals

[Please Use This Link for the County Histories](#)



"Medical and Surgical Register  
of The United States"

R L Polk, Publishers,

Detroit, Philadelphia, Chicago

Military Information is also included in these Books.

Such As...

Officers Of the Medical Department of the United States Army And Hospital Stewards.

Medical Corps of the United States Navy

Medical Officers Of the U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

Including Acting Assistant Surgeons And Hospital Stewards.

[Note: There are more of these Directories for the following years:](#) Scroll [Archive.org Site]

Years: 1886 1890, 1893, 1896, 1898, 1900, 1902, 1904, 1906, 1908, 1910, 1912, 1917

The National Archives has a really nice set of digitized records that can be free accessed.

[Please use this link for access.](#)

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Family Search "Collections"

There is a wealth of Family and Historical information contained on the FamilySearch WebSite.

It can be overwhelming to try and figure out where to start.

[Here is the link to all of the Collections](#) for Minnesota

"Minnesota, Church Records, 1798-1991"  
Family Search Database: [Please use this Link](#)



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