

## Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association Significant Documents and Events

### 1975

Aug 30, 1975 at Kingman High School Auditorium. Devotions by Rev. Peter Funk. Lecture Faith of our Fathers by Jan Gleysteen. Sun Aug 31 continued Jan Gleysteen speaking at First Mennonite of Christian and then First Mennonite, McPherson. Sunday afternoon at Hopefield. Sunday evening at Eden.

### 1979

Mennonite World Conference.

Aug 18-19 1979 Pioneer Heritage Days

First scholarship awarded to Bradley Flickinger from Pretty Prairie for \$500.

### 1981

July 19, 1981, 8:30 a.m. Stucky Jubilee (Elder Jacob and Anna Waltner) at Bethel College with special Memorial Services at the Gravesite, Hopefield Cemetery. Scripture by Herman J. Schrag. Address by Milo Stucky, "Elder Jacob Stucky—A Congregational Leader and Family Progenitor". Presiding Harley J. Stucky. Foresanger Melvin Stucky. Fellowship hour and refreshments served by Hopefield Mennonite Church.

### 1984

110<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to be Aug 17-19, 1984, Milo Goering chair.

### 1995

McPherson County Tour beginning at the Cole House (west end of Moundridge), Pine Village, Christian Marker, Floyd/Dick Gehring Buffalo Farm, J.J. Strausz Collection, French Cemetery, etc.

### 1997

Agreement that SMCHA install lights and pay insurance on Monument and Hopefield pay general maintenance.

### 1998

Sponsored meeting with Walter Sawatsky from AMBS.

### 1999

Saturday, Aug 14, 1999 Prairie People World People: A Celebration of 125 years of Swiss (Volhynian) Mennonites in the United States, at Moundridge KS. Mass choir, tour of cemetery, Panel discussion of Delbert Goering, Marlene Krehbiel, Alice Suderman, Rynall Schrag, James W. Krehbiel, Harley J. Stucky, Leann Goews, Jim Juhnke, Robert E. Krehbiel, Dale R. Schrag. Meal at Eden, meeting at 7:30 at Eden. 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force: Elmer Schrag, Arnold Wedel, Delbert Goering, Jake Goering, Rick Krehbiel, Kirsten Zerger, Leann Toews, Mervin Schrag. Total expenditures: \$10,502.67. Total income: \$14,462.50.

### 2001

Nov 14 - 1943 Marker deeded to SMCHA signed by representatives from Hopefield, Eden, and First Mennonite of Christian

### 2002

Cemetery directory building completed except for putting information into the directory display case. Cost \$9916.38.

Historic oak tree planted near monument .

Dennis Quiring hired as webmaster of new website.

First "Schweitzer Salt" newsletter sent out edited by Donna Neufeld and Neva Belle Adamson.

### 2003

Hopefield writes an agreement deeding SMCHA 2.98 acres extending the south boundary 12' and east boundary 30' to the hedge. Deed for cemetery finalized and fee paid on 2-12-2003.

Stone posts were installed at end of each row of graves as markers A-Z. Names of those buried placed in display case.

Only Schweitzer Spoken Here initiated.

Fees went up from \$10 to \$15 or \$100 for ten years.

Dedication of the Hopefield Cemetery Directory

#### **2004**

Hopefield responsible for lights and upkeep for first 5 years and then SMCHA.

180 members in 2004

#### **2005**

Aztec Lane is part of SMCHA property according to McPherson Co. Register of Deeds.

Bylaws revised

Mound Township installed the culvert; SMCHA buys the culvert at the cemetery.

Citizens Bank gave \$5,000 matching grant gift for a major fund drive.

#### **2006**

Ozzie Goering reported raising \$23,098 for the Cemetery Fund Drive.)

Cemetery renovation fund of \$17,038 at Mid Kansas Credit Union and Cemetery Endowment Fund of \$15,506 at Citizens Bank.

Tree planting should go from south border all the way to the east hedge boundary.

Harley Stucky pledged funding for the planting of trees around the periphery of Hopefield Cemetery.

#### **2007**

Martin Schrag's book The European History of the Swiss Mennonites from Volhynia underwritten.

#### **2008**

Koehn of Pioneer Grounds Maintenance of Moundridge hired to do the mowing.

Ozzie Goering family for a Scholarship Endowment.

#### **2009**

Bethel College Fall Fest officials suggesting Schweitzer and Low German programs on alternate years.

Greg Stucky becomes SMCHA attorney because Don Schrag died.

#### **2010**

Charles Schrag from South Dakota is new editor of Schweitzer Salt newsletter.

Delbert Goering family gift to SMCHA Endowment.

"Schweitzer Salt" newsletter edited and sent only to members by Kathy Goering, Charles Schrag.

#### **2011**

Mike Putnam interviews about dialects

#### **2012**

Brush cleared and new plantings at the 1943 Marker

Catlin monument dedication

Makeover of plants at Monument

Research Committee identified pioneer homesteads

Endowment Fund established at McPherson County Community Foundation

#### **2013**

Salem Zion Cemetery Marker

Trip to Ukraine, Switzerland, Holland, Poland, Austria, Germany

Compiled Master List of Swiss Volhynian cemeteries on web

Betty Graber Hartzler compiled Swiss Volhynian Database

**2014**

New logo by Jesse Graber  
Farming interviews presentation by Jason Holcomb  
Water well drilled at Monument site

**2015**

Major monument maintenance work  
August Local Bus Tour

**2016**

Future oversight responsibility agreement signed with Eden Mennonite Church  
Digitized out of print historical books for web site  
Bus tour of Kansas Historical Sites

**2017**

“Swiss Volhynian Favorite Recipes” – 800 books sold  
Freeman, SD, and Henderson NE bus trip  
Signage installed with directions to SMCHA properties  
Opened at Expendable Endowment Account at MCCF

**2018**

New website by Flint Hills Design [www.swissmennonite.org](http://www.swissmennonite.org)