

May 2, 2014 **Request for historical information from the Old-Brule Heritage Society**

The Old-Brule Heritage Society (OBHS), the historical society for northern Douglas County rural areas, is currently creating a travelers' map of interesting and/or important historical sites found in all of Douglas County. This map will include important points with brief text on sites within all of the local communities within the full county.

Over the past several years we have gathered a lot of historical material, but we are putting out a last call here for input from the locals on those sites or places or events in your town or village that you or your history minded neighbors might feel should not be missed by visitors when traveling to your home region. You may have a few or a long list.

A map on the back-side of our main map will show all (to the degree we can locate them) of the railroad spurs (and ice roads) as well as the associated lost and forgotten communities of the virgin pine logging era. Any info, fotos or notes or even rumors you might have to share on such spurs, roads, camps etc. would also be much appreciated. Dates for this back-side map run from about 1880 to 1910, but they are not locked in to only that time slot. We will promptly copy and return all submitted original materials.

We hope to have our map published by later this summer, so a deadline for your contributions via email or mail should be mid-June, or six weeks from now.

These contributions can be sent to me, Jim Pellman, current secretary of OBHS, to this email address, musketeer6@cheqnet.net , or to OBHS, P. O. Box 24, Maple, WI 54854. If you have any questions please feel free to email, or to call me personally at 715-363-2549. I'm willing to travel if need be to see sites or objects, or artifacts.

To contributors: This letter is intended to gather as much data to work from as possible, so please distribute it as an email or in hard copy as widely as you like. Space on the map is very limited and we will carefully edit all submissions. If they are made via email please use "Reply to All" to help keep everyone informed about what has already come in.

We thank you for your help and for your interest in our local histories.

Jim Pellman
OBHS Archivist and Secretary