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Story of Wisconsin

The Story of Wisconsin’s

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Harvest Time / Lois Ireland / oil on canvas / 1944
Barton, John Rector. *Rural Artists of Wisconsin* (1948), [frontispiece]
On the 13th of June, 1831, I started from Derby, Orleans Co., Vt., the home of my childhood and youth, for the "Far West." A little after sunrise on that day the stage coach stopped at my father's door, and, bidding adieu to loving parents, brothers and sisters, I took my place on board. The world was all before me where to choose my future home. The first night from the starting point was Wells River, 80 miles distant, and the crossing of the Connecticut River. A steamboat lay there, the first I had ever seen, and the only one which had ever ascended so far up that river. The first night was passed at Lawrence, N. H.
People

John Green,
a resident of the black settlement of Pleasant Ridge, ca. 1848 – 1860s
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People

The Belgian – American Community founded in NE Wisconsin in the 1850’s
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Environment

Land Economic Inventory Map of a part of Vilas County
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Environment

Aldo Leopold building a duck blind, 1928
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Environment

DNR, Report, 2002

“Health Effects of Arsenic Contaminated Drinking Water”

Background

Inorganic arsenic is a well-known human poison that causes a wide array of adverse health effects. The World Health Organization and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency classify inorganic arsenic as a human carcinogen. Long-term ingestion of contaminated drinking water has been found to increase the risk of skin cancer and tumors of the bladder, kidney, liver and lung. Exposure to inorganic arsenic may also cause thickening and discoloration of the skin, nausea and diarrhea, decreased production of blood cells, abnormal heart rhythm, blood vessel damage and numbness in the hands and feet. Recent investigations have also linked arsenic exposure to the development of Type II diabetes or "sugar diabetes."
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Agriculture

Map

Showing Locations of Cheese Factories, etc., 1910
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Farm Labor News,
March 1, 1945
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Agriculture

A farm in Adams County, 1910’s - 1920’s
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Government

Annual Report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1853

The following table will exhibit the whole number of children in the State, the number who have attended the public schools, and the percentage which the latter forms of the whole, for each year since the organization of the public schools under the State government:

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Industry

Parker Pen
Grinding Dept.,
ca. 1910’s -
1920’s
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Industry

Logging in Wisconsin in the 19th Century

Skidding with Oxen
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Arts & Culture

Eduardo Peralta, Chilean folk singer, performs.

Milwaukee Repertory Theater Photographic History
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A medicine song from the Wisconsin Folksong Collection

Title: Medicine song
Performer: Blow Snake, Chief, b. 1871?
Announcer: Yellow Thunder, Chief
Collector: Stratman-Thomas, Helene, 1896-1973
Date: 1946-07-23
Place/Time: Columbia County (Wisconsin) / Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
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