

February 10, 2026

Dear Members and Friends of Farmington Historical Society,

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution, take a few minutes to reflect back on the many accomplishments of our Founding Fathers.

Of course, Wisconsin wasn't a state during the revolutionary era, but there was hunting and fur trading activity taking place here, and the Mississippi River was already an active transportation route. Wisconsin pioneers were not far behind and had a story to tell of their own.

The census of Wisconsin in 1840 was 130,000 and had grown to 304,456 by the year 1850 with most arriving from Germany and Ireland. Wisconsin became a state in 1848. The census of Farmington in 1850 was 450 and the Town of Kewaskum was 672.

These pioneers set foot in Wisconsin at shipping ports in Green Bay and Milwaukee. As they arrived, these families were able to purchase land from the Government and walked from Milwaukee to Washington County to secure their land and start a new life!

Century/Sesquicentennial Farm/Home applications:

Applications for Century or Sesquicentennial farm/home can be found on the FHS website at farmingtonhistorical.org/century-farms and at Tom's Mill in Boltonville, or at the Wisconsin State Fair Office, phone 414-777-0580. The earliest farms in Farmington that have received this honor were settled in 1847.

FHS Annual Meeting: Sat., March 14, 1:00 PM at Boltonville Fire Department

Once again, impressionist Jessica Michna, who does impersonations of notable women in history, will be our guest. In honor of the 250th celebration, we will hear from the wife of one president and the mother of another: First Lady Abigail Adams. Abigail was there 250 years ago when American patriots initiated a revolution against the British Empire, under the threat that failure would result in death and dishonor. After forty years of marriage, Abigail looks back to the days of her early marriage as a young wife and mother. Referring to the many letters written between the Adams', she recalls the days of revolution and uncertainty. This presentation is free and open to the public. A very short business meeting will be held prior to the presentation.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25 at 12:30 PM, Turner Hall, Fillmore

We will have our traditional program including a fresh-flower wreath and procession to the cemetery to place flowers on the graves of Veterans. The West Bend Veteran Color Guard and the Kewaskum High School Band will lead with the National Anthem and the U.S. Armed Forces Medley.

Friends of Saxonia House annual Oktoberfest, Sept. 19, 2026

FHS will partner with the FOSH group for their annual fall celebration. Watch both Facebook pages for details.

Thank you!

Your support is very important to FHS as we continue to collect and preserve the history of Farmington. We purchased archival software a few years ago, and nearly all of our collection has been entered into the database including pictures, genealogies, books and many donated items.

We hope to create some exhibits and make the collection more publicly accessible. Volunteers are needed, especially persons with knowledge of library science and in developing exhibits and programs.

Sincerely,

FHS Board of Directors,

**Janet Lauenstein, Tom Theusch, Cathy Weinreich, Mary Miller, Diane Schacht,
Bob Miller, and Marcia Theusch**

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