



Price County Historical Society

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Dear Members and Friends of the Price County Historical Society:

I would like to let you know about an exciting project that will be occurring at the Price County Historical Society Campus in Fifield within the next two years. The Society has long needed a secure, climate controlled building with sufficient space to house all of our archival documents, which presently include thousands of originals and copies of photographs, maps, journals, diaries, family histories and other historical records of the Price County area. These include photographs, local and family history and documents that predate the formation of Price County to more present day activities. These physical records are of great importance to preserving not only the history of the area, but also to individuals and researchers interested in local history. At present our documents and photographs along with our administrative records are housed in three different buildings located throughout the county and as you can imagine it has become more difficult as our collection grows to manage the logistics of not having a central location in which to consolidate operations.

As President of and on behalf of the Board of Directors, it is with great pleasure that I would like to announce plans to build the Louis A. Koenig Research Center. This building is now possible because of an extremely generous donation by Carol J. Koenig, who is the daughter of Louis Aloysius Koenig a native son of Fifield. Mr. Koenig was born at home in Fifield on April 4, 1899. He graduated from Fifield High School, served his country in WWI and then graduated from Northwestern University School of Law. Upon being admitted to the Wisconsin Bar, Mr. Koenig returned to Price County to practice law and served as the Price County District Attorney for a total of 12 years. Carol has long been a lifetime member of the Society and through her donation and the desire to leave a lasting legacy to her father she has now created an environment where one of our greatest needs can become a reality.

The building will be a 26' 8" x 44' block/brick building located just east of the Old Town Hall Museum. The building will contain an ample sized research area along with areas for work, storage, copying and administrative functions. Plans are to break ground in the spring of 2022, with a final completion date of either fall of 2022 or spring of 2023.

There is much to do to get this building off the ground and more funds needed. In addition to the donation from Carol Koenig, the Board of Directors has projected that an additional amount of \$80,000.00 will be needed. In order to accomplish this we will be exploring grant funding, fundraisers and asking our members and friends if they would like to become a partner in this endeavor. A donation recognition wall is planned for the Research Center and a donation of \$150.00 or more **PER INDIVIDUAL** will insure that your name will have a space on the wall. More and detailed information will be forthcoming in our spring newsletter.

This building and the positive benefits associated with it to centralize operations and provide access to a collection of this magnitude is a huge forward looking venture. This is one of the most significant projects that the Society has embarked on in several years and we are confident that this will be a source of pride not only to our members and friends, but to the entire community.

Your partnership and support in this project is crucial. Please consider giving a donation in whatever amount you can toward this building.

If you wish to make a donation and are receiving this by USPS please fill out the form below, make your check payable to the Price County Historical Society and return it in the self-addressed envelope. If you are receiving this letter by e-mail please mail your donation to:

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You can also donate online through our website by using the donation button in the gift shop link and indicate in the comment section that your donation is for the Louis A Koenig Research Center.

As the President of Price County Historical Society I will be happy to answer any additional questions you may have. Please contact me at (715) 339-2415 or e-mail at efutter@pctcnet.net

On behalf of the members of the Board of Directors

Sincerely,

Etola Foytek

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YES, I WISH TO MAKE A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____
FOR THE LOUIS A. KOENIG RESEARCH CENTER.

Name: _____

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For a donation of \$150.00 or more **PER INDIVIDUAL** I would like the recognition to read as follows on the Donor Wall:
