

HISTORY OF  
**KEKOSKEE**  
WISCONSIN  
AND THE  
SURROUNDING AREA





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## ~ INTRODUCTION ~

*As a result of Kekoskee celebrating its Sesquicentennial on August 19-20, 2006, it was decided by a group of people to write and publish a book on the history of Kekoskee and the surrounding area in commemoration of our 150 years. Our intent was to preserve the history of Kekoskee and the surrounding area so future generations could learn of the people that passed before them. It would include the Village of Kekoskee and the farming community within approximately a one and one-half to two-mile radius. This is the first history written about the Kekoskee area, with the exception of a small soft-cover Centennial Booklet published in 1956. Little did we know when starting out what a huge undertaking this would be. The facts and stories herein have been taken from the memories of people, files of old newspapers, scrapbooks of individuals and libraries. Much research was done and countless hours were spent in compiling this book. We tried to be as accurate as possible but for a project of this magnitude, errors are sure to be found, and for this we apologize. The Committee assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of individual contributions. Spellings vary over time and the clarity of pictures depended on the condition of pictures given to us. Due to space problems in the book, not all pictures submitted could be used. Also, at times we were loaned photographs that we already had. In that case, the best quality picture was used. Articles reprinted from other sources were left as is without any corrections to spellings or grammar. For the benefit of our readers, when writing about a specific property or building, current addresses were used so as to allow you to visualize what is being referred to. This book is written with the year 2006 as its cut-off date.*

*We thank everyone who shared their one-of-a-kind treasured photos and all the people who took time to write their stories for our book. That's what a community is all about – its people. As we lose our elderly residents, we also lose the history they knew and lived and it can never be retrieved; thus we appreciate your patience while this history book was being put together. It is our hope that as you read the stories and look at the many pictures, it will bring back memories and put a smile on your face.*

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THE HOLLENSTEIN WAGON SHOP ABOUT 1890  
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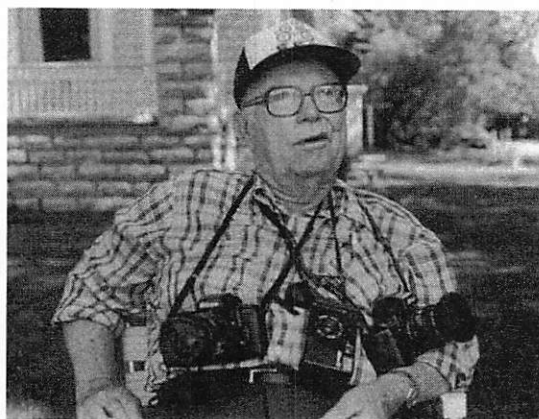
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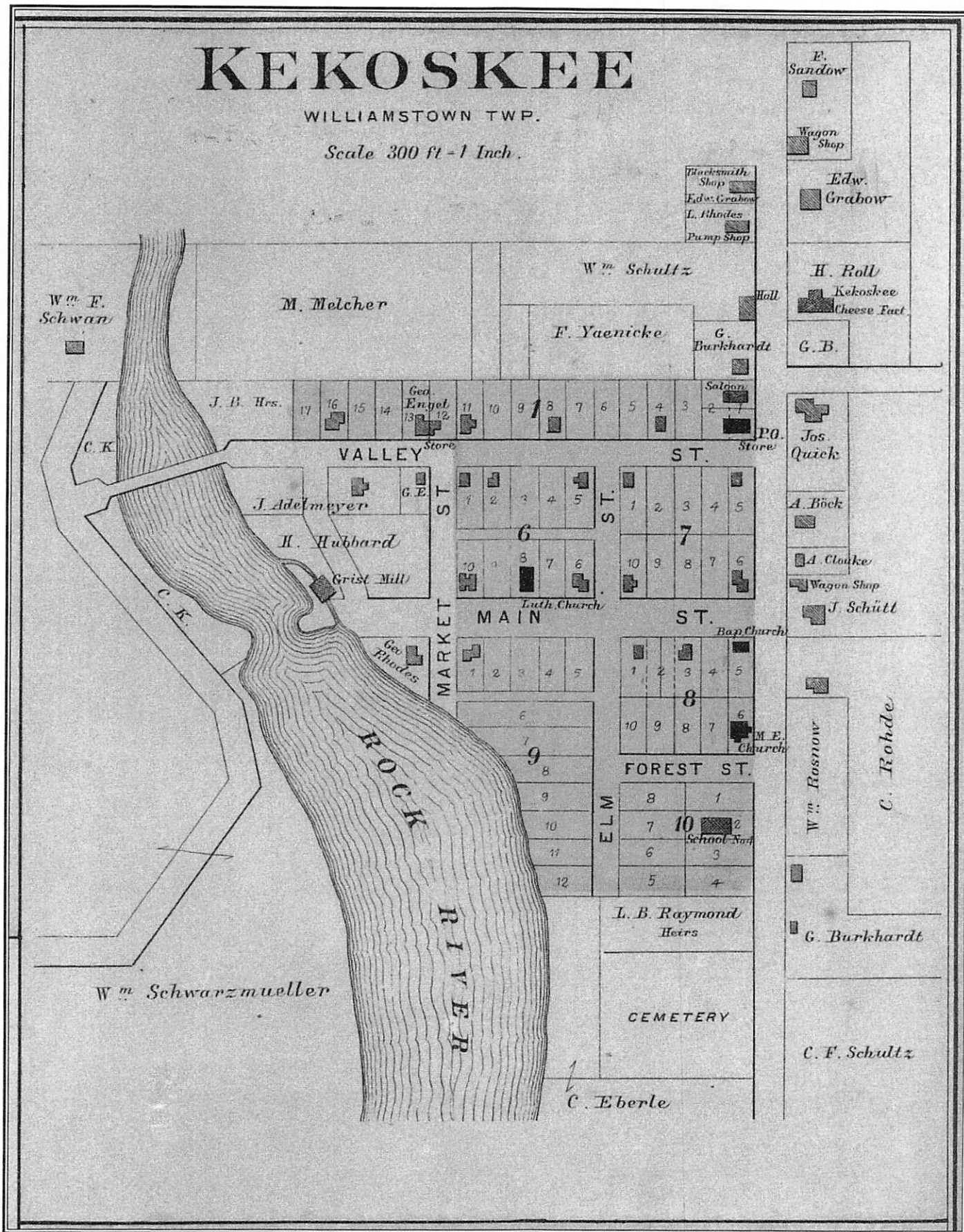
Town of Williamstown Plat Map with Lake Horicon - 1859



# KEKOSKEE

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Village of Kekoskee Plat Map - 1890

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