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Are you working on your family history? The Westonka Historical Society can help you.

Here's a success story: WHS recently received an inquiry via our website from a person seeking information about a relative who lived in our area, back in the days when addresses were rural routes and box numbers. He has Swedish cousins coming to visit, and he'd love to take them to visit the address.

In searching the telephone directories, we found listings for the cousins from 1945 to 1960, with a street address in 1948. The 1948 telephone directory also includes maps of our area, so we could locate an approximate site. With the City of Mound's help, we learned that Bruce Road was re-named Drury Lane. The city's file included an early photo and a survey. Then it was simple to drive by, and take a photo of the current house, to send to the searcher.

We have number of local town directories from as far back as 1925. Do you have old telephone directories that you might donate? We'd love to enhance our collection!

We look forward to meeting those Swedish cousins in August, and welcoming them to our community where their relatives lived.