

Horicon Marsh History

by Donald M. Miescke



*A Collection of Events, Happenings, Personal Stories,
Tales, and Lore of the Horicon Marsh*

About the author...



The last glacial incursion of Wisconsin took place over 10,000 years ago, about 100 centuries in the past. The surface had been planted down and the marshes, lakes, and glacial hills came into being. For centuries, the Native Americans lived here without disturbing the land. With the arrival of European immigrants, change started to come to the land. For the last two centuries, change roared over the land. Don Miescke, his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were a part of those events for more than the last 150 years. Don speaks with the authority of personal and family history. To understand the environmental events of today, we need to have the history of what has taken place in the past. Don Miescke has the authority and experience to provide us with that history.

– *Ed Knop, Horicon Historian*

Don is doing a great service to the community by his articles in this book about the Horicon Marsh. He has brought out the stories of local sportsmen for the public to see and hear.

– *Wally Kukuk, Local Sportsman*

Google “Don Miescke” and you’ll find only one whose singular storytelling gift is the result of a long family history and a profound sense of place. Don has marsh water in his veins and a sense of humor that only those of a certain age and accomplishment can boast. His stories conjure a time when gentlemen hunters arrived from the east by train to hunt the waterfowl that blackened the skies and waters — and the locals lived by their wits.

– *Laura Reynolds, Project Director, The Rock River Runs Through Us*

Don was one of the first people I’d met when I came to town, and within minutes, he offered to take me out for a ride in the marsh. His knowledge of the marsh and its history is second to none, and his warm, friendly demeanor makes you feel like part of the family.

– *Robert Rettmann, former Editor, Horicon Reporter*



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This book is being donated to the Hope Health and Rehab Center in Lomira, and in appreciation for the good care I received in January and Feb. 2017.

Hope you enjoy the events and stories about the Horicon Marsh and may trigger some stories of your own.

Best Regards,
Don Miescke

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