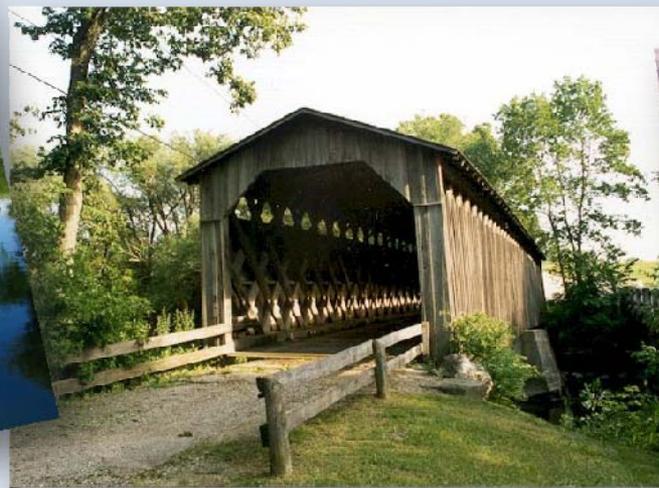


# Ozaukee County History

## All About The Water



**1835:** First parcel of land sold to Daniel Wells on Mequon lakeshore



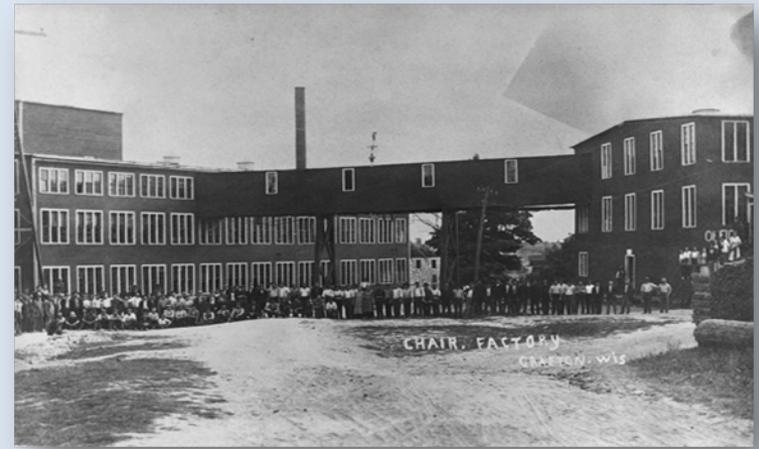
**1837-38:** First sawmill in County built on Pigeon Creek  
Sawmills utilizing the excellent waterpower of the region were some of the earliest businesses



**1842:** Jochim Heinrich Thien built a mill run by water power- "Thiensville" was born

**1848:** The Grafton manufacturing complex was built

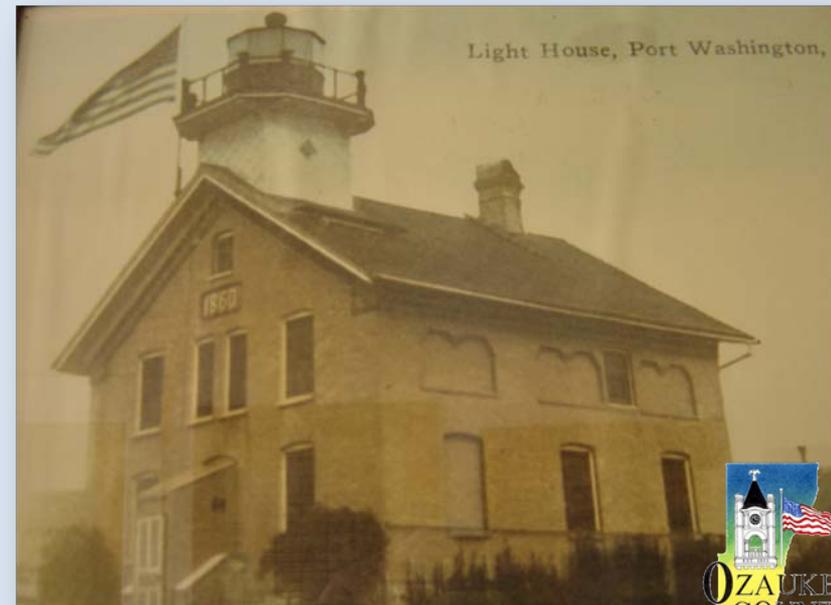
- First as a chair factory
- Later served record industry



**The Factory ran entirely by rope drive connected to a waterwheel**

**1849:** Port Washington's first lighthouse was built

- Land bought for \$200  
& includes current site



## 1864: Cedarburg Woolen Mill Founded

- Mill ran on waterpower provided by Cedar Creek
- By 1893, mill was the largest west of Philadelphia



## 1870: Port Washington Harbor Dredged

- First man-made harbor in North America.
- Served significant fishing fleets
- Lake freighters delivered coal to Wisconsin Electric Power Company
- Today supports commercial & sport fishing



## **1890:** Lime Kiln Park Established

- Limestone quarry operated by Milwaukee Falls Lime Company
- Property sold to Village of Grafton in **1961**
- Today serves as a recreational area



## **1900-1920:** Lake Shore Stone Company operated quarry in what is today Harrington Beach State Park

- Operation was extremely advanced for its time
- Quarried limestone was shipped across Lake Michigan
- Quarry filled with water which is how it remains today



**1929-1932:** Grafton's music studio located in  
Wisconsin Chair Factory

- 1,600+ music titles recorded
- Blues legends: Skip James, Charlie Patton, "Son House," Louise Johnson, King Solomon Hill, & Blind Joe Reynolds



**Today:** Last covered bridge in Wisconsin found in Town of  
Cedarburg over Cedar Creek



Remains carefully preserved as further evidence of the  
heritage of the area

# Ozaukee County's Water Resources

