PREFACE

This booklet is a history of the Town of Norway, Racine County, Wisconsin. The area in northwestern Racine County which is governed as Norway Township can be found by locating a 936.19 acre body of water called Wind Lake on the Wisconsin state map. Although this history is intended to include all of the 36 square miles of the township, most of the information centers around the northwest corner of the township, which has the heaviest population.

The history has been written as a Bicentennial project. Norway Township actively participated in the 1976 nationwide celebration with four major activities. These included a Bicentennial flag presentation program involving skits by many local students and speeches by visiting dignitaries; two musical programs in Heg Park; and a grand, old-fashioned 4th of July parade and picnic. Many organizations and individuals contributed not only to the success of these programs, but also to helping raise the funds that made this publication possible.

Many other citizens have in the past years helped with the research and organization needed to gather material for a comprehensive history. Especially helpful was the history written by Melvin Johnson of Wind Lake, a former Town Chairman. Much of what Mr. Johnson wrote has been included in these chapters. Information for this book has been gathered from printed material available as well as interviews with local residents. Not all of the "facts" agreed. What seemed the most authentic was used.
The search for historical facts should not be considered finished with the publication of this booklet. There are many subjects that are incomplete because information was unavailable. It should be a goal of residents of the town to continue to search out what has not been found, to change what is incorrect, and in all ways preserve the evidence of the past. Preservation of town records, artifacts, and information continues with the efforts of the Town of Norway Historical Society, organized in 1978 as a result of the Bicentennial projects.

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