A short film I put together as a preview of some of the images used in A Pictorial History of Williams Bay, Wisconsin on Beautiful Geneva Lake (1836-1939) written by Michelle Bie Love and myself, Deborah Dumelle Kristmann for the Williams Bay Historical Society (WBHS).

Michelle and I approached the WBHS with the idea of self publishing a book exclusive to the Village of Williams Bay and its earliest history. Michelle grew up in Williams Bay and has deep historical knowledge and had already been involved with the WBHS producing its quarterly newsletter and researching and writing featured articles on the history of Williams Bay, its people, and places. I had a library of local historical ephemera including, postcards, photographs, maps, and books.

Together Michelle and I shared a passion for learning more about our quaint village and sharing that knowledge with others. We solicited many local residents for cherished family photos and memories. Michelle and I started our journey in late 2015 and self published the book in July of 2017. Signed over our rights to A Pictorial History of Williams Bay, Wisconsin to the Williams Bay Historical Society (WBHS), in doing so, all proceeds for the book sales are donated to the WBHS with the intention that our local history will be shared with others. Enjoy!