

# SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## *SALUBRIS*

### President's Message

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and safe.

It has turned out to be a very challenging time with the COVID 19 virus closing everything down. SAHS has closed down our activities and meetings including the Farm Museum Festival. Nobody can predict what the second half of the year will look like. We will continue to monitor our situation and let our members know if there are any changes. Our highest priority continues to be the health of our member and guests.

As a result of not having our events, we have lost a large portion of our income. We have had to borrow money to pay our bills. You will see in this newsletter a request for donations. Please give what you can. We are also working to reduce expenses.

It is great to see our membership remains high and a number of people have upgraded their membership and paid the \$100 to become a Patron member which helps our income shortage.

As with many nonprofits this is one of the most challenging periods we have gone through, but we have a great membership and Board. I am sure we can work our way through so hang in there.

*Bill Read*, President

### **Your Board of Trustees (Museum Ph 731-4708)**

(Board Meetings are held at the Museum on the 3rd Tues at 7:00 PM )  
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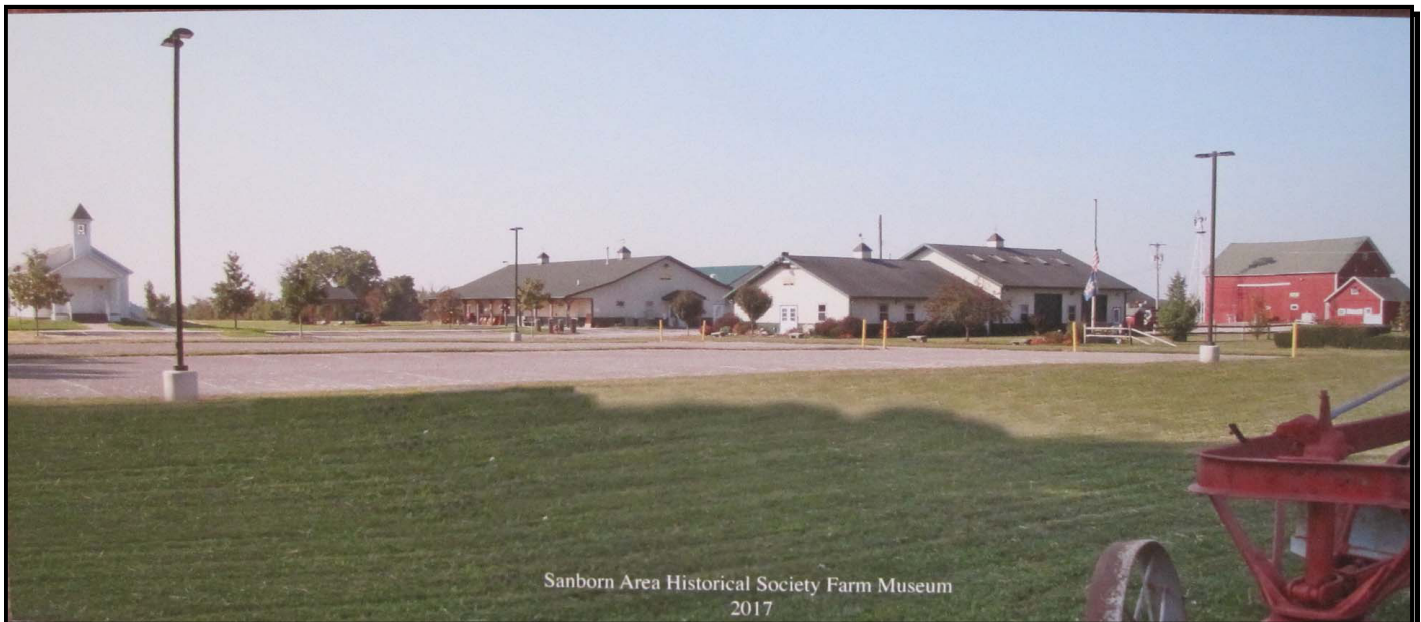
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## REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

**SAHS needs your help!!! SAHS is closed until futher notice,** As a result of being closed and not being able to have any fundraiser events, we will have lost \$17,000 of income by the end of July from our fundraiser activities and if we can't hold any additional fundraisers for the remainder of the year we will lose another \$4,000.

We are working to reduce costs as much as possible and have tried for added grants without success so we will have a major shortfall in funds this year.

We recognize that **all of us are affected by Covid-19 Pandemic** ... some worse than others. We do appreciate that most of you are current with your dues payment and many have paid the \$100 to become patrons that helps a lot.

At this time we are asking for the donation of some **additional serious money from those that can afford it to help us** remain solvent. I expect to contribute \$1000 personally. Many of us have put our life blood in the organization and museums over the past 25 years and I hesitate to think about losing the museums because we can't pay the bills. Due to your contributions and support we have a great museum complex second to none that preserves, interprets and promotes our heritage.

Our organization members have always been great in stepping up to help when there is a need. Whatever you can donate will be greatly appreci-

ated. **You can donate by mail using the form on page 8 or electronically on our website. Thanks in advance for your support!**

### MEMBERSHIP, Shirley Simrell, (417-9767)

We thank those that renewed their membership or joined as new members. To date for 2020, we have a **total membership of 421** including 25 Member Patrons & 7 Business members We appreciate the support of our members near and far and hope you enjoy our quarterly newsletter. **Our Member Patrons and Businesses** that have donate \$100 or more to SAHS are listed below:

**Patrons to date for 2020: Kim (Read) Bolos, Mary Knotts, Roger Lehman, Valerie Lehman, Mal Luschen, Brent & Ann Mank, Jack II & Amy Owen, Brian & Cheryl Rotech, Susan Sandoval, Donna Smallwood, Christine (Ferchen) Stumpf, Keith & Mamie Tompkins, Gary & Linda Treichler, Gerry Treichler, Nancy (Don) Treichler, Peter & Rebecca Wydysh, Lloyd Ziemendorf & Sally Knox, Les & Valerie Wagner and Errol Zuch.**

**Businesses to date for 2020: LaSalle Contracting, Gorge Travel, Gross Plumbing, William Davis Insurance, H A Treichler & Sons Greenhouses, Wagner's Market, and Ken Young Paving.**

**A TOUR GUIDE FOR OUR READ MEMORIAL MUSEUM FOLLOWS ON THE NEXT FOUR PAGES.**

# READ MEMORIAL BUILDING (RMB) TOUR GUIDE

## SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### FORMING OF SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The **Sanborn Area Historical Society (SAHS)** brings to life the history of the rural, historic, Sanborn area. **Formed in 1996**, its first project was to move the one-room West Street Schoolhouse that many of our over 400 members attended, onto land purchased from the CSX Railroad near the Sanborn Public Library. Since that time, the school has been converted into a first class museum complete with handicap accessibility. Also included is an office used by our all-volunteer staff on a weekly basis in maintaining our museum collection data, our financial records and other business of our society. Since opening, we have been chartered as an educational corporation by the NY State Board of Regents. We have been designated by the IRS to operate as a not-for-profit society.

In 2002, SAHS purchased the 56-acre Wienke farm with its **100-year old vintage Barn**. The property is adjacent to the CSX Railroad at the rear and Rte. 31 at the front. In 2006, SAHS erected our 4200 square foot **Les Read Memorial Museum** at the farm. The **Gary Townsend Hall**, an activities and support facility, was completed in 2014. **The Treichler Building**, formerly known as the Church-Legion Building was completed 2018. This building was donated by the Sanborn American Legion Post 969; moved on location on the SASH Farm; and modified to replicate a church like it was in Pekin in 1826.

### READ MEMORIAL BUILDING

**Les Read** was an avid collector of historical items and a significant contributor to the Sanborn Area Historical Society. His commitment to preserving the history of Sanborn was rooted in his ancestry. **Les Read's Great Grandfather, Lee R Sanborn**, founded the Hamlet of Sanborn in 1865. In addition to being co-founder of Sanborn Area Historical Society, **Les** served on the board of Trustees. **Les** was an advocate for preserving Sanborn history and assuring future generations would be able to enjoy the rich heritage of the area and thus the naming the building as a memorial to him.



**LIONEL (LES) READ**



## RMB-1 CANDLE MAKING



Candles were used in many homes in Sanborn prior to the availability of electricity in 1912.

To make the candles, fat from pigs or sheep were placed in a cauldron

and cooked. This is called rendering. The melted fat, called tallow was poured into a mould containing cotton strands used as a wick to make several candles at one time. After the tallow hardened, the wick could be lit providing light around the home. Care had to be taken that they did not torch items nearby and set the house on fire.

## RMB-2 SANBORN RACING



Shown is a model of a car driven by Jim Hurtubise of North Tonawanda. Jim raced in the USAC championship car series from 1959 to 1974 with 97 career

starts and 10 wins.

The Sanborn Area had many racecar drivers from 1962 to 2002. To name a few- **Gary Iulg** (car #56); **Curt Sherwood** (#87); **Bill Styvenburg** (#67); **Todd Wendt** (#34W); and the **Treichler's- Gordy** (#47), brother **Rog** (#74) and their cousin **Merv** (#58).

They all started racing at the local Ransomville Raceway and went to the winners circle in Lancaster, NY and other speedways. Statistics show area winners at Lancaster between 1962 and 2002 with **Roger Treichler** ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> with 78 wins over a period of 19 years and Cousin **Merv** ranked 5<sup>th</sup> with 35 wins over 13 of the 40-year period. Noteworthy is that **Merv** won the Permatex 200 at Dayton Beach in 1975. We are proud of all of the area racecar drivers who gave us the thrill of racing and put Sanborn on the map. Race car memorabilia is shown in this area.

## RMB-3 SANBORN HISTORY



Sanborn began its existence in 1864 when its name was changed by the NY Central Railroad from South Pekin to Sanborn after the **Rev Ebenezer C. Sanborn**. At that time the NY Central changed its tracks from Lockport to go directly to Niagara Falls without going through Pekin. The village at the time was laid out into lots on land purchased from the Holland Land Company by **Lee R. Sanborn**, son of **Rev. Sanborn**.

By the 1930's Sanborn had become a small flourishing village in the southeastern corner of the Town of Lewiston, along the railroad line. It contained 2 churches, two stores, a hotel, a grist mill, a Saw mill, two wagon shops, two blacksmith shops, a drug store, a cheese factory, and a train depot with a warehouse. The first settler here was **Jaius Rose** who settled in Sanborn in 1811. He built a log cabin by the south entrance of NCCC off Saunders Settlement Rd. Several pictures of early buildings in Sanborn are shown in this display.

## RMB-4 HUDSON BROTHERS MILLING



In 1894 **James B. Hudson** and his brother **Luther B. Hudson** purchased the Sanborn Roller Mill along what is now Buffalo Street. Here they started their

grain and feed handling business in the village of Sanborn. In 1898 they dismantled this mill and reconstructed it adjoining the old Fuller elevator adjacent to the NY Central Railroad. Their grist

mill ground flour which they sold under the label of "Daisy Flour". The mill processed about 125 barrels of "Daisy Flour" a day and employ 11 men in 3 shifts. Today it is Kuntz's Sanborn Mill, an antiques and collector's shop.

### RMB-5

#### PADDLE WHEEL Steam Driven Boat



In 1825, the Erie Canal opened providing the first all-water link between the Atlantic seaboard and the Great Lakes. This 363-mile long waterway connected the Hudson River at Albany with Lake Erie at Buffalo. The Erie Canal opened the interior of the continent, providing a safe and reliable route for west-bound migrants and manufactured goods and east-bound products of forests, farms and mines. This also provided the need for construction of boats and barges to transport people and goods over the waterway.

Before you is a replica of a Paddle Wheel Steam Driven Boat. This type of boat provided relative comfort traveling through the 34 locks from Albany to Buffalo. This model was purchased and provided to our society by Dr. Morris Dewey of North Tonawanda.

### RMB-6

#### SAW MILL



Saw Mills are a much needed industry to provide lumber for the growth of a community. The model Saw Mill you see before you is a replica of a Saw Mill along the Erie Canal in Gasport. This model was purchased and donated to our museum by **Dr. Morris Dewey** of North Tonawanda.

In 1854, **Lee R. Sanborn** constructed a Saw Mill in Sanborn across the Townline Rd. to the west from the present Key Bank. It burned down in 1861 and was immediately rebuilt on a larger scale. **Lee R. Sanborn** was the son of Ebenezer C. Sanborn who the town was named after. **Lee R. Sanborn** had previously purchased

35 acres of land north of the Railroad tracks in 1865 from the Holland Land Company and laid out this land into village lots and offered them for sale.

### RMB-7

#### CREAM SEPARATORS AND BUTTER MAKING



This center display is dedicated to Hoover's Dairy; the local dairy which is one of two in the country that still delivers milk in glass bottles.

Most farmers had a few cows usually milked by hand.

The many cream separators shown were used by early farmers to separate milk into cream and skimmed milk. The cream was used to make butter, hard cheese and cottage cheese. A Separator is a centrifuge device that separates milk into cream and skimmed milk. Manual rotation of the separator handle turns a worm gear mechanism which causes the separator bowl to spin hundreds of rotations a minute. When spun the heavier milk is pulled outwards against the edge of the outer walls and the cream, which is lighter, collects in the middle of the separator. The cream and milk then flows out of separate spouts for collection in pails.

You also see a variety of butter makers in this section: hand stomper churns, forward and back baffle rockers, and barrels with a drive wheel for belt movement. A sled is on display that was used to take the large milk cans from cooler to the road for daily pick-up. Notice various round and square cheese cartons and egg cases (30 doz.) used to take these products to market.

### RMB-8

#### EARLY KITCHEN



As you see- the kitchen is roped off because the linoleum on the floor is 125 yrs old. The Hoosier cupboard shown to the right was in many farm house kitchens. This was used to hold



spices, a flour sifter and other items needed to prepare the family meals. Looking across the room to the right is an early refrigerator with a compressor on top. This could be purchased to replace the ice box after 1912 when electricity came to Sanborn. Next to it is a pastry cupboard used for storing pies, breads, etc. The wood fired stove shown was a necessity for heat, as well as cooking and canning food prior to 1912. You see a variety of toasters, many meat grinders, cherry pitters & several cabbage cutters, big enough to sit on huge crocks for making sauerkraut. To the left - many various size canning jars that were filled and used to can or pressure cook fruit, vegetables, or meat. Remember farm families were large to help with the many chores so a lot of jars were needed to feed the family in one meal. Next on the floor is a doughboy used for kneading bread dough prior to cooking. Next you see a ground pork sausage stuffer used with pig intestines to make sausage that was smoked in the Smoke House for later use.

**RMB-9**

**LAUNDRY**



Many early washing machines are shown. One had to be careful not to get loose clothing caught in the wringer on top. Before electricity was available, corrugated

metal wash boards were used. If one could not afford the electric cloths dryer, the washed clothes were hung outside on a clothes line to dry. Early ironing was done using cast-iron irons heated on the kitchen stove.

**RMB-10**

**DENTAL EXHIBIT**



until his death in 2000.

The dental exhibit was donated by the family of Dr. Harold L. Dinger, DDS. Dr. Dinger started his Dental practice in Sanborn in 1955 and continued for 55 years

**RMB-11**

**LAFLER STORE-**



This is the original store front from the Lafler grocery/general store located on Rte. 93 in North Ridge (Cambria). Burt Lafler opened the store in 1892 and it closed in 1965. During its early years, deliveries were made using a horse drawn wagon. The wagon was loaded with merchandise and traveled to various homes in the area selling supplies. It came back to the store in the evening, was restocked, ready to go out again in the morning.

**RMB-12**

**TWO-HEADED CALF**



Moo2 the two-head taxidermy calf, named by the students at West Street elementary school was born in the 1920's. It lived for 5 days. It was born on the **John William Blank** farm on Lockport Rd in Sanborn. Although unusual, approximately one in a thousand calves are born this way.

**RMB-13**

**SPINNING WHEEL & YARN MAKING**



Yarn was needed by early home makers to make clothing, blankets etc.

Wool sheared from sheep is first carded (combed). This lines up the fibers and cleans out dirt and seeds in the wool. The wool is rubbed between the fingers and threaded around a wheel when it becomes a strand. The operator uses a foot pedal to turn the wheel and continue collecting the strand. The finished strand is now taken up on the spindle to make the yarn.



**1876 ARTIST SKETCH OF SANBORN-** Lee R. Sanborn was appointed Post Master of South Pekin on 1-22-1864. The name was changed to Sanborn on 2-12-1864.



- LEGEND**
1. "Dutton House" Store, John Dutton
  2. U.S. Post Office, Lee R. Sanborn
  3. NYC Railroad Depot, A.H. Latz, Agent
  4. "General Store, John Schism
  5. "Union Hall", Baptist Meeting House

- LEGEND (Continued)**
6. "Blacksmith Shop", E.I. Nafus
  7. "Grist Mill", John Mower
  8. "Cheese Factory", E.W. Barber
  9. Methodist Church
  10. "Saw Mill, Lee R. Sanborn



Below is the site of the Sanborn Saw Mill built by Rev. E.C. Sanborn in 1854. A steel cable 1000 ft long ran from the Saw Mill (10) to the Grist Mill (7) to provide power to the Grist mill.

This is the site of the home built by Rev. Ebenezer C. Sanborn for whom this community is named. Rev. Sanborn settled here in 1846. His son, Lee R. bought 35 acres of land in 1864 and had it laid out into village lots.

**10**  
Saunders Settlement Rd

RESIDENCE OF THE HON. LEE R. SANBORN & BIRDSEYE VIEW OF THE VILLAGE OF SANBORN, NIAGARA CO., N.Y.



**SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**  
(Regular Meetings, all at the Sanborn Fire Hall- 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

**PROGRAM**

June, July, and August ..... **NO REGULAR MEETINGS**

Program for the:  
Sept 22, 2020 Reg Meeting:  
At 7:00 PM

**REGULAR MEETINGS WITH PROGRAMS  
CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE BECAUSE  
OF COVID-19 Pandemic**

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