

# SANBORN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## *SALUBRIS*

### President's Message

We are experiencing a very challenging time as the COVID –19 virus continues and the vaccination process has been slower than we hoped. Our activities, events and regular meetings are closed down until further notice. We continue our monthly SAHS Board meetings at the Townsend Building where we can have proper distancing. It is difficult to predict when things will improve enough to open again. We will monitor the situation and let our members know if there are any changes. Our highest priority is the health of our members and guests.

We appreciate having the continued support of our membership and the townspeople. If you can provide added support by paying the \$100 Patron membership, it is greatly appreciated. We are also trying to control expenses as much as possible.

Our solar system project continues. The lease has been signed and the solar company is doing engineering studies at this time.

With everyone's support we can get through this pandemic situation and get back to normal operation!

*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 )  
(MUSEUM ADDRESS- 2822 Niagara St, PO Box 172, Sanborn, NY 14132)

President- **Bill Read (870-6263)**; Vice Pres-**Bonnie Haskell- (990-6909)**; Recording Sec-**Ruth Pirinelli (471-4677)**; Corresponding Sec- **Gerald Treichler (731-9510)**; Treasurer-**Glenn Wienke (731-5982)**.

Trustees-at-Large- **Paul Calkins (471-4422)**; **Ron Craft (818-0360)**, **Jim Ditzel (433-7439)**,  
**Bill Hooter (731-3874)**, **Gwen King (704-2961)**, **Scott McEldowney (471-5637)**, **Jane Schultz (731-9404)**,  
**Elaine Timm (471-2217)**, **Pat Thompson (731-2666)**, **Gary Townsend (523-0743)**.

**Farm Museum Curator- Bonnie Haskell- (990-6909)**

**Schoolhouse Curator- Elaine Timm (471-2217)**



## 25th ANNIVERSARY 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 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.

In 2002, SAHS purchased the 56-acre Wienke farm with its **100-year old vintage Barn**. In 2006, SAHS erected our 4200 sq ft **Les Read Memorial Museum**. 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.

### ANNUAL ELECTION 2021 WLR

Since our January 2021 Newsletter, **Lynn Hoffman has resigned from the board of Trustees and Ron Craft has been nominated to replace her. All those nominated as officers and nominated trustees for open positions will be up for election at our next regular meeting at the Sanborn Fire Hall. This meeting is yet to be scheduled.**

### SOLAR PANALS

The **Town of Lewiston** has recently approved their Solar Energy System Local Law and lifted their moratorium on new solar Energy Projects in Town of Lewiston. The SAHS Board has approved the final lease agreement with **Borrego** and it has been signed. **Borrego** is finalizing the solar panel layout that we

agreed upon. Once the layout is finalized, **Borrego** will prepare the engineering information and this data will be presented to the **Town of Lewiston** for approval of our Solar Project.

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

Present membership for **2021 is 505**. We thank those old and new members that have paid their dues and continue to support SAHS. Those that have not paid their dues for 2021 are so noted with their address label on their Newsletter. Those not noted as delinquent with their dues and who contribute additional funds to SAHS will be credited for 2022 membership from the contribution. Those that donate \$100 or more will be listed as patrons in our July 2021 Newsletter. This will help very much since we have been notified that we will have to

resume our monthly mortgage payments of \$1075 to the USDA and \$110 to our escrow reserve in July 2021.

**LIBRARY/COLLECTIONS-** Jane Schultz, Chair Person (Ph.-731-9404), assisted by Elaine Timm, & Valerie Dumpleton.

**Donations of artifacts may be made by contacting Jane.** Final acceptance is determined by our Board of Trustees. We appreciate your continued donations of Sanborn Area historical artifacts to expand our collection, but at the same time we have had to be selective in their acceptance since we have many duplicates and areas to show new artifacts are at a premium. Please let us know if you have something of interest for our museum. There have been no new artifacts accepted since our last Newsletter.

**FARM MUSEUM USAGE-SCHEDULE-** Bonnie Haskell, Chair Ph. 990-6909.

Our members and others are requested to contact **Bonnie** for use of the hall in accordance with our "Member Hall Rental Agreement". **Usage is very limited due to the continuation of Covid-19.**

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

Please inform any SAHS board member with names of those members needing "Thinking of you" or "Bereavement" cards so they can be noted at our board meetings: **Gale Bradley, daughter of Arleen Brontmire, passed away since our last reporting.**

**WEBSITE**

**Jay Krull of Lockport** is the **Web Master** for our "www.sanbornhistory.org" website. We are also on **Facebook**. **Jay** is continuing to update the site as we feed him information, including information about our activities. Our quarterly Newsletters are also on the web site. You might pass this information along to family members so that they can follow along with our activities and possibly **join SAHS** themselves and support our society. Our **Web Master** has setup means to allow you to pay your dues and vender space chargers by credit card on-line at our Website. The scheduled dates shown are

tentative dates due to Covid-19.

**SAHS FARM MUSEUM OPENINGS-**

Our Farm Museum will be open from 2 to 4 PM. on May 16, June 20, and July18 (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of these months) Please contact **Bonnie Haskell at 990-6909** if you plant to visit on those Sundays. Also, after May 1st tours of 4 or more will be given anytime at a time agreed to by **Bonnie.**

Bonnie is looking into ways to celebrate our 25th anniversary. **Any Ideas?**

**SAHS 2021 EVENT SCHEDULE-**

SAHS fundraising and other activities remain cancelled for 2021 because of Covid-19 Pandemic. As a result, the schedule of events for 2021 has yet to be finalized.

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SOCIETY-**

Please consider the Sanborn Area Historical Society as part of your tax-deductible gifts short term as well as long term giving program, as memorials, in your will or for special recognition and endowment gifts. Your gifts and generosity will help assure the completion of our goals...long-term viability of our historical society and our museums.

**WORK PROGRAM - Gary Townsend Chmn (Ph 523-0753)**

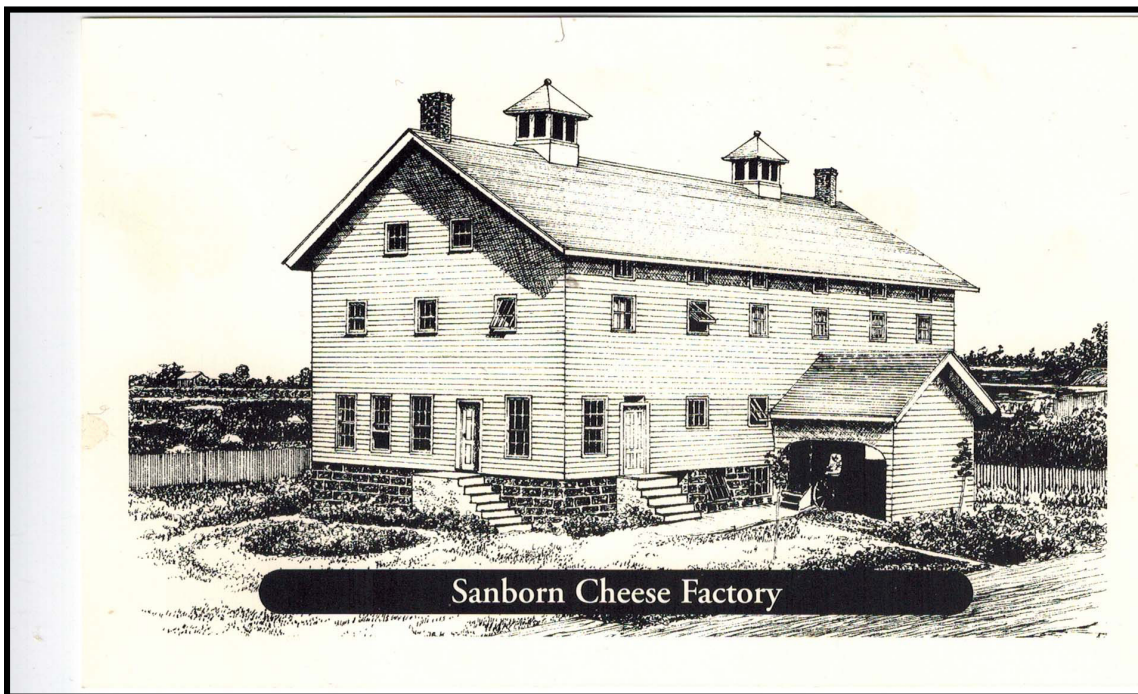
**The Niagara Co Legislature has abandon their Sheriff's Work Program.** In years past they have provided up to 6 workers about 50 times throughout the year to assist us in our activities and maintaining our facilities as needed. In past years they even painted our red barn and helped to the gut the Treichler building and renovate with new drywall, paint, replacing of the wainscoting, and removing of the floor overlament down to the bare floor. **These workers will be missed.**

**Gary** is working to secure help from community service workers and workers from the county summer intern program. **If any of our members are willing to help with tasks such as weed-whacking, gardening, washing windows, moving tables around for our activities, etc, please call Gary.**



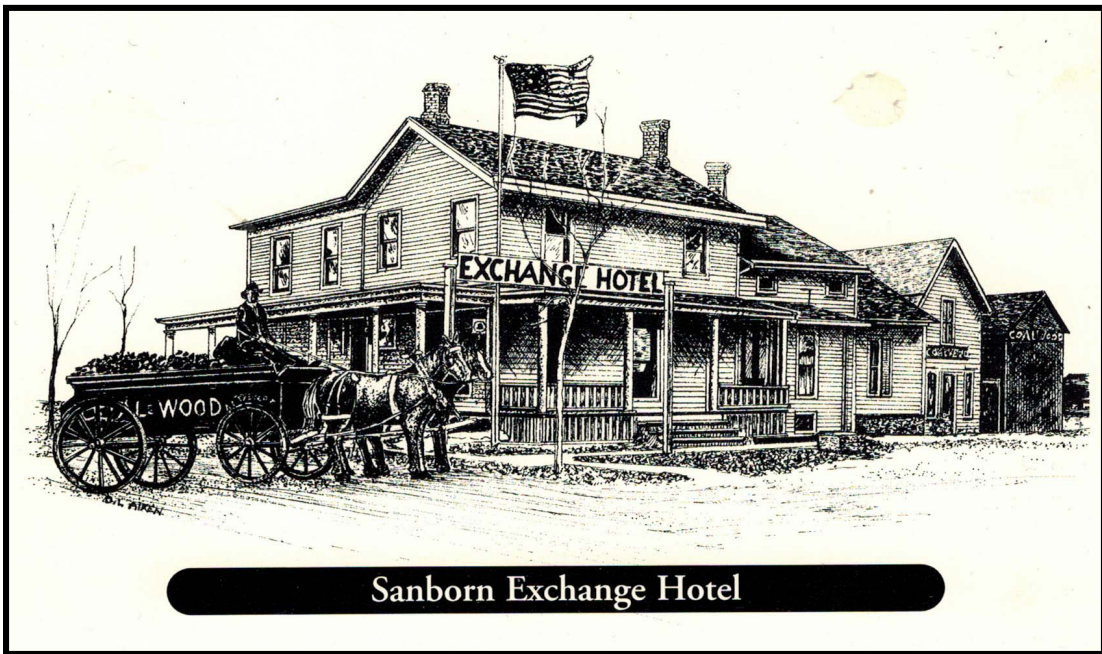


**Royal T. LeVan Store, Sanborn - built in 1910.** Later, the name was changed to R. T. LeVan and Sons. The store was one of the principal businesses of Sanborn, handling groceries, hardware, plumbing, heating and electrical contracting. It is now the Sanborn Old General Store. (Sketch by Donna Aiken.)



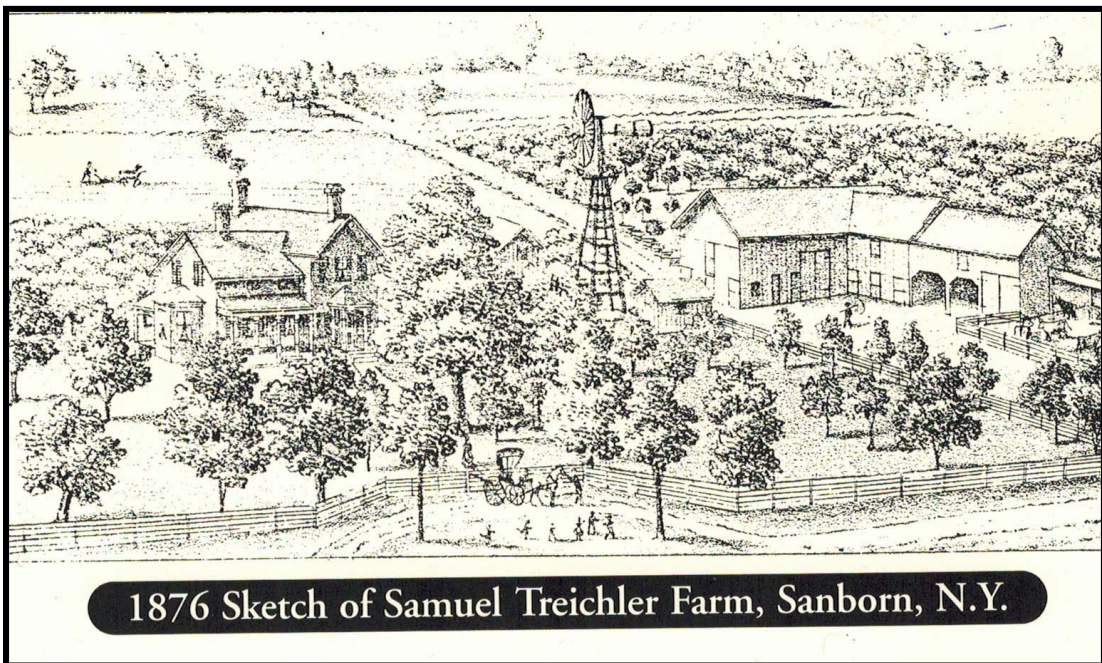
**Sanborn Cheese Factory.** When built in 1867 by a group of farmers, this building was the largest building west of Albany and produced 56,000 pounds of cheese in 1876. Over the years the building had various uses. Pioneer Settler Ralph E. Casselman established the Sanborn Home Telephone Company in the building in 1912. It now exists as an apartment house. (Sketch by Donna Aiken.)





**Sanborn Exchange Hotel**

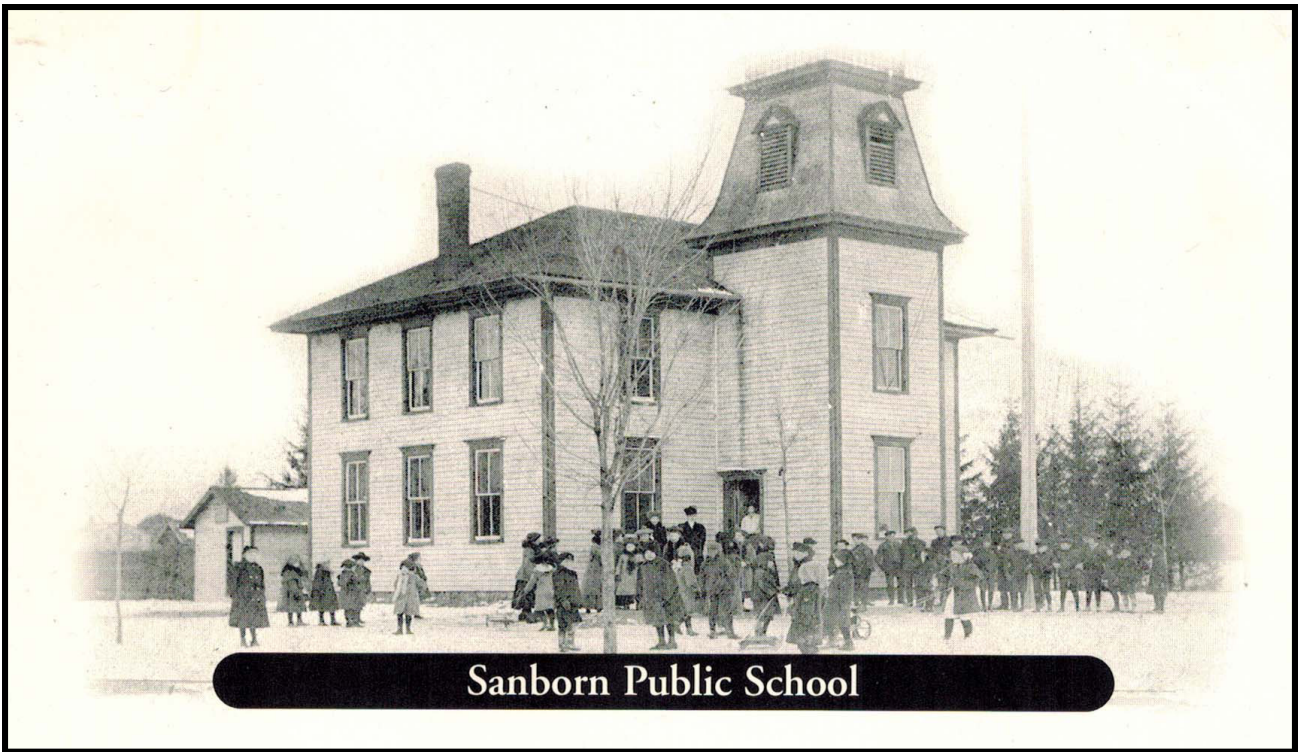
**Sanborn Exchange Hotel**, Built in 1909 after the previous smaller structure was destroyed by fire. Since that time, the structure has under gone several modifications and is now known as the Marlboro Inn. {Sketch by Donna Aiken)



**1876 Sketch of Samuel Treichler Farm, Sanborn, N.Y.**

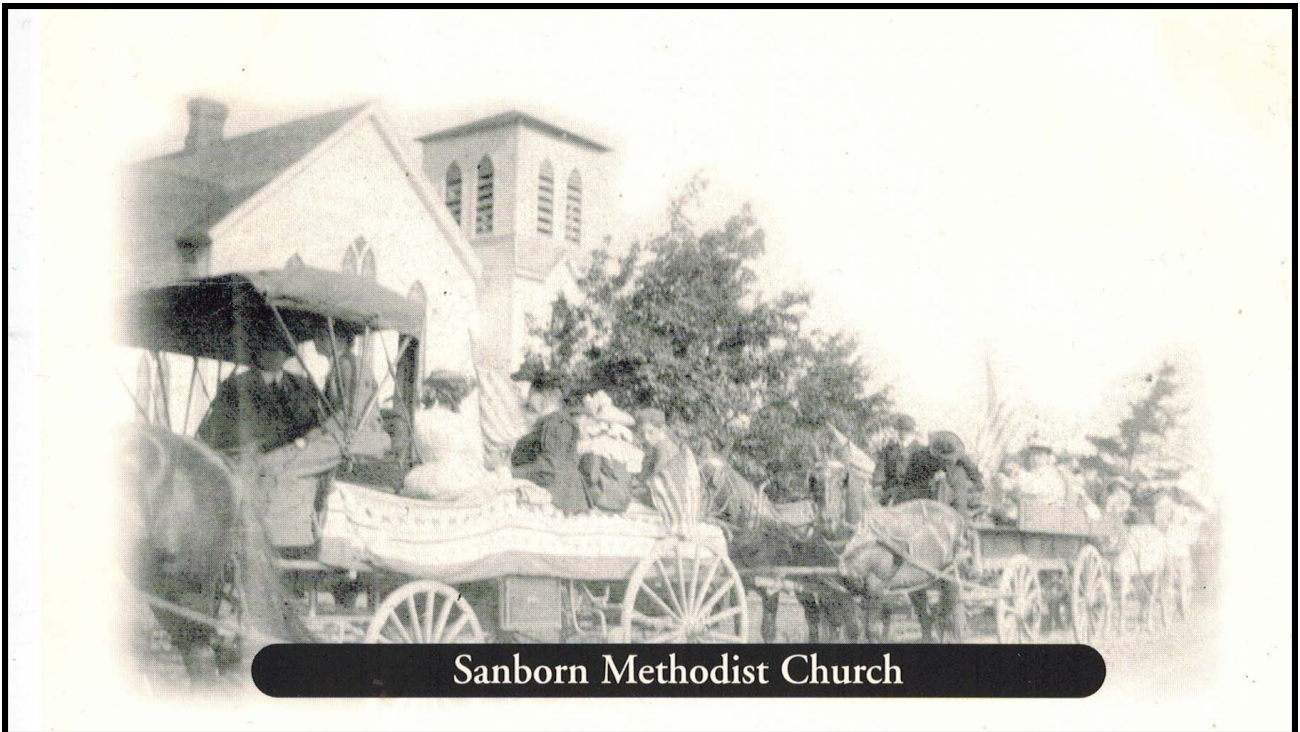
**1876 Sketch of Samuel Treichler Farm, Sanborn, N.Y.**, Established in 1856. It now exists as two houses across from and just north of the entrance to NCCC on Townline Road. In 1833, Samuel (age 7) came to Ward Road Sanborn with his father, Daniel and family as pioneer settlers from York, Pa.





Sanborn Public School

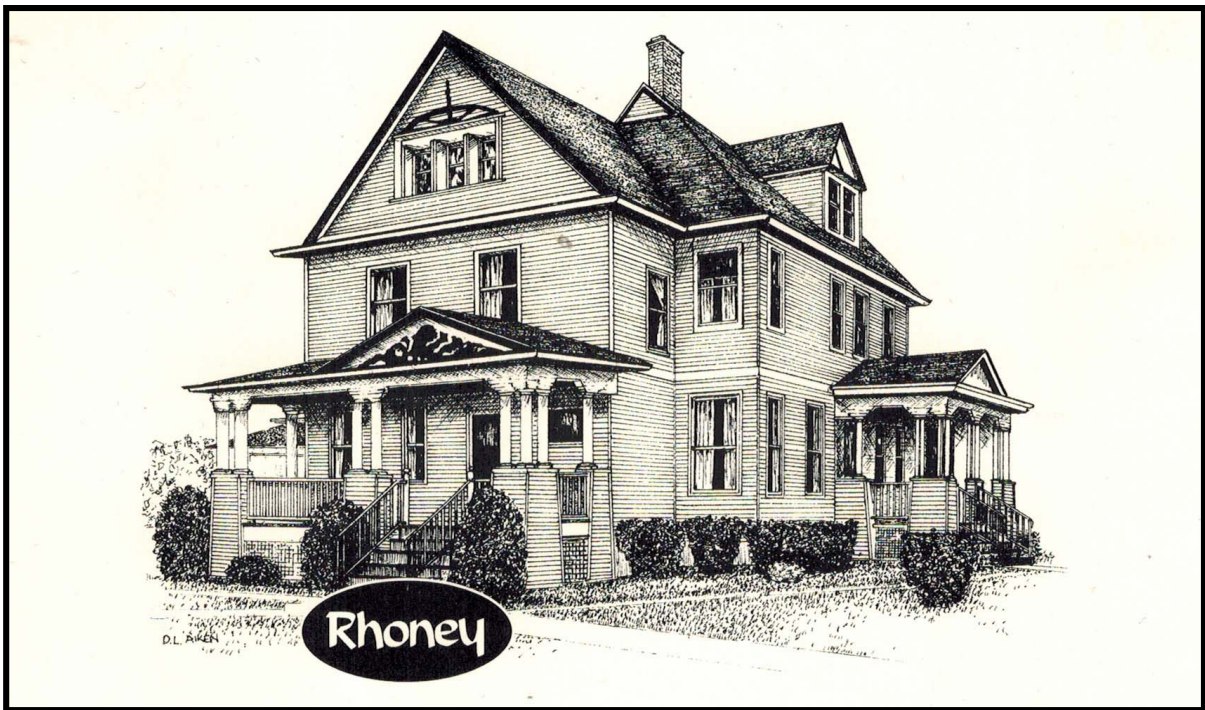
**Sanborn Public School.** The two-story structure was built in 1884 at the corner of West Street and Route 31 and seated 50 to 60 students. It was replaced when an arson fire destroyed the original structure in 1943.



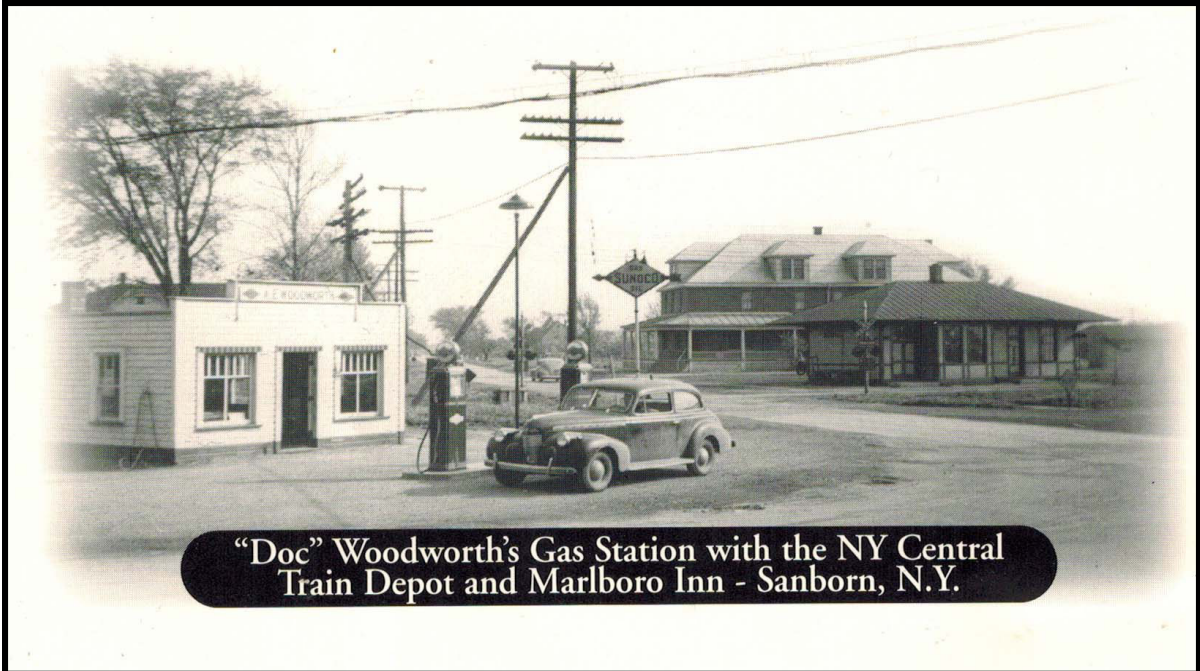
Sanborn Methodist Church

**Sanborn Methodist Church, Buffalo and Tallman Streets.** The corner stone was laid in 1872 by Israel Sanborn and Carlos Beecher. This 1904 picture shows the Sunday School leaving by horse drawn wagons for the Ward Road Trolley to be taken to Buffalo for the boat trip to Crystal Beach for a picnic.





**Rhoney Funeral Home, Hoover Road, Sanborn, N.Y.** The house was built in 1892 for the Joseph Shenk family. In 1946 William J. Pike purchased the house for use as a Funeral Home and the name was later changed to Pike and Jones. The Rhoney's have operated this as a funeral home since 1967. (Sketch by Donna Aiken.)



**"Doc" Woodworth's Gas Station with the NY Central Train Depot and Marlboro Inn - Sanborn, N.Y.**

**"Doc" Woodworth's Gas Station with the NY Central Train Depot and Marlboro Inn, Sanborn, N.Y.** "Doc" (Addison) Woodworth operated the gas station in the 1940's through 1970's. Earlier he was horse and buggy driver and then a Model-T driver for Doctor Peart; thus the nickname "Doc."



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

**FIRE HALL MEETINGS & FUNDRAISERS ARE NOT YET  
SCHEUDLED FOR 2021 DUE TO COVID-19**

**SEE TEXT HEREIN FOR MUSEUM OPENINGS IN 2021**

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**Membership Application & Donations: *Sanborn Area Historical Society***  
**(Annual Dues are \$15 for Family; \$10 for Individual; \$100 for Patron, Business, Professional)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Classification ( ) New Member ( ) Renewal Donation Amt \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Make checks payable to: Sanborn Area Historical Society, PO Box 172, Sanborn, NY 14132)

(We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Society. Donations are appreciated in the form of cash or artifact donations or from that of an estate. They are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law)

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