



Sidney Historical Association - 44 Grand Street, Sidney, NY 13838

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We continue to work on our new website at sidneyhistory.com

This winter & spring 2024, we have had several well attended programs. The Civil War and the evolution of the Sidney Railroads. Also, a Patriot Burials Dedication at the Pioneer Cemetery, then a PowerPoint program that followed @ The Sidney Memorial Public Library, and finally a Native American Indian Artifacts exhibition.

Civil War Life by Jonathan “Jed” LaBounty



Jed represented Benjamin Hevenor, who served in the 150th NY Infantry Regiment. This program included educational information on topics such as muskets, uniforms, haversacks, hats, jackets and more depicting daily life as a soldier.

The NY 144th Infantry Regiment, a unit with a storied past, was organized in Delhi, New York. It played a significant role during the Civil War, being mustered in on September 27, 1862. The regiment was composed of men from various towns and villages, with a notable number of recruits hailing from Delhi, Walton, Masonville, Franklin, Sidney, among others. Throughout its service, the 144th Infantry Regiment was involved in several key operations and campaigns, contributing to the Union's efforts in the war. It was mustered out on June 25, 1865, after serving valiantly for nearly three years. The veterans and recruits of this regiment were later transferred to the 1st New York Engineers, marking the end of their service in the infantry but continuing their commitment to the Union cause.

Sidney Railroad Program 2024 by Jim Gale & Steve Arrandale

Sidney Historical Association Presented the evolution of Sidney railroads, including a time-line on the progress, population growth & prosperity in the Village of Sidney.

These two are train history aficionados of mainly Sidney and the surrounding area.



The role of railroads in Sidney, New York during the World War II era was indeed pivotal. As a hub of supply contracts and exports, the state's railway system was integral to the war effort, facilitating the movement of goods and personnel. The expansion of rail services, nearly doubling freight haulage and more than doubling passenger fares from prewar levels, reflects the increased demand and the railroads' capacity to meet it. Local governments' collaboration with railroads in war-impacted areas like Sidney ensured that war workers could commute efficiently, and essential materials were transported swiftly. The introduction of buses and additional passenger services to the Seneca Ordnance Depot further augmented the transportation network. However, the reliance on private automobiles in Geneva highlights the challenges of wartime resource allocation, particularly for gasoline and rubber. Sidney's historical growth, spurred by agricultural, timber, and related industries, was significantly influenced by transportation advancements such as the Susquehanna Turnpike and the Ontario and Western Railroad. These developments not only facilitated commerce but also contributed to the area's growth, underscoring the enduring impact of transportation infrastructure on local economies and communities.

Patriot Burials Dedication - Pioneer Cemetery

Sons of the American Revolution, Binghamton Chapter

The Patriot Burials Marker Program, funded by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, is a special historic marker series commemorating patriots who fought in or were involved with the struggle for American independence, and who are interred in New York State. The program provides Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution chapters the opportunity to apply directly for historic markers for cemeteries where Revolutionary War patriots are buried.

Presented by Dale & Tina Utter



Tina Utter – SAR Representatives



Dale Utter



Sidney American Legion Post 183 Veterans

Dale Utter presented and highlighted the history of some of the Revolutionary War veterans that are buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in Sidney, Delaware County, NY

Native American Artifacts Program

Presented by William "Bill" Meyer; Jerry Meyer; Jonathan "Jed" LaBounty

Published Author, Patrick R. McElligott

Sidney Memorial Public Library, Saturday, June 8th



Jed LaBounty – Pat McElligott – Larry Halbert – Jerry Meyer – Bill Meyer – Sharon Meyer



Indian families were living along the river in the Town of Sidney before the Revolutionary War. In 1770, Rev. William Johnston explored the Susquehanna River valley with an Indian guide. This was near the site of an old Indian fort and the eventual location of the Village of Sidney.

Native American artifacts carry profound cultural significance and historical value. From pottery and beadwork to tools and ceremonial objects, each artifact tells a story of tradition, craftsmanship, and heritage.

Please come witness the local Native American Artifacts that represent our rich cultural legacy.

We purchased the Youngs Station School House. More to come on the school house in future newsletters.



We also have shirts available with our new logo.



The SHA Museum highlights the history of the Town of Sidney. This is through a visible timeline of historic events. Some of the resources we have to offer are the following: Early objects through the Sidney Plains era, moving into the early 19th century small businesses, into the era of the first railroads including information on our school systems, moving into the late 19th century, early 20th century.

Our specialized collections include early Native American artifacts, early fire departments, displays on our airport, including the famous Lindburgh cross trans-Atlantic air flight.

The museum includes early industry with extensive information on small businesses, and the beginning of Scintilla/Bendix Magneto.

We are proud to possess the collections of the NY State Police, Troop C, Captain Fox memorabilia. The collections also include local law enforcement and military information.

Our mission is to present photos, documents, and artifacts to our audience through a vast collection of resources. SHA museum highlights the history of Sidney.

The Sidney Historical Association's offices and museum are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Or by appointment by contacting Mike Wood @ (607)-434-8258 or larryhalbert7@gmail.com (607)-237-4762

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