

Nunda Historical Society Fall 2015 Tour

Medina Railroad Museum & Fall Foliage Train Tour

Wednesday, October 14th



Enjoy a round trip
ride along the Erie Canal



The Society's exciting Fall 2015 Tour begins with our Covered Wagon Tour Bus leaving the Nunda Historical Society at 8 am for the **Medina Railroad Museum** (if



needed, a pick up in Leicester can be arranged). From 9:30 to 10:45 am we will tour the Railroad Museum that is filled with railroad artifacts and has one of the biggest model-train layouts in the country.



At 10:45 am we board a railroad coach reserved for our tour group to enjoy a **2-hour round trip train ride to Lockport.**

Snacks will be provided on the train since lunch is delayed until 2 pm.



At 1:15 pm our bus takes us to Albion for a 2 pm lunch at **Tillman's Historic Village Inn.**



Train on Lockport Trestle



Our Sit-Down Lunch at Tillman's Historic Village Inn offers a choice of three entrees; 8 oz. Prime Rib, Chicken Parmesan (*Two fresh cutlets pounded and prepared Italian style, topped with provolone cheese and red sauce, served with pasta*), and Broiled Haddock Almandine. Lunch includes: *fresh garden salad w/Italian dressing, Chef's choice of starch, bread & butter, dessert, and coffee or tea service.*

We leave for Nunda about 3:30 pm to arrive between 5 and 5:30 pm.
This Information Sheet and a Tour Registration Form are on our website at: **www.nundahistory.org**.
Additional information on both the Medina Railroad Museum and Tillman's Historic Village Inn may be found on their websites at:

<http://railroadmuseum.net>

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<http://www.tillmansvillageinn.com/menu.html>

Here is info on Tillman's from their website.

TILLMAN'S HISTORIC VILLAGE INN HISTORY

The Village Inn stands in the center of a village planned by John Proctor, a local of the 19th century. Mr. Proctor's village, which he named Fair Haven, grew to its present size between 1819 and 1860. It is evident that Mr. Proctor saw the economic benefit, to both buyer and seller, of the then new idea of cobblestone construction sweeping Western New York. By selling building lots for \$30.00, he could entice settlers to build houses of cobblestone cleared from land, which he still owned, behind the lots.

The Ridge Road, first surveyed in 1798 and on which Mr. Proctor formed his village, became the main artery for east and west travel between the Genesee and Niagara Rivers. Mail routes and stagecoach lines flourished encouraging as many as 10 taverns to be built within the Town of Gaines. The eastern portion of the Village Inn was built in 1824 by Samuel Percival as a "tavern stand". Pioneer accounts record that by 1838 as many as 8 stagecoaches each way every day traveled the Ridge Road and used Mr. Percival's tavern.

Owing to the traffic, the tavern became a stagecoach stop and flourished through the years under several names such as Clark's Hotel, Fair Haven House and Fair Haven Hotel. Between 1852 and 1860 John N. King built a new business just to the west of the Fair Haven House, a Carriage Shop. By 1875 this new business was physically joined to the tavern by a carriage shed, to become the building known today as the Village Inn.

Stagecoach stops such as this offered the travelers a place to wash off the dirt of travel and provided food, drink and lodging. The men were generally asked to wash at the pump outside where the horses were watered and to shave in the barroom that furnished the only mirror. The ladies generally washed inside, but perhaps in a parlor rather than a bedroom. The fare at these establishments reportedly could include items such as soup, fish, meat, pudding, pastry and dessert at the larger inns, while the smaller might offer apple pie, new cheese, sour beer, heavy Indian bread and port wine. An example of cost for services in Western New York in 1828 for two nights lodging, supper on the evening of arrival, meals for the next day with meat and poultry in profusion and brandy and wine for three persons totaled \$5.13. In general the cost for boarders was \$1.00 per day and \$3.00 per week.

Today's Village Inn encompasses Mr. Percival's tavern and Mr. King's carriage shop with the connecting carriage shed serving as today's main dining room. Through the windows of the barroom, one can still see the 19th century water pump which served horse and traveler alike.