

SUFFERN RAILROAD MUSEUM



THE SUFFERN RAILROAD MUSEUM WAS ORGANIZED IN 1998 AS A WAY TO SHOWCASE THE RICH HISTORY SUFFERN HAD FORGED WITH THE ERIE RAILROAD. HOUSED IN THE FORMER WELLS FARGO EXPRESS BUILDING THE MUSEUM HAS BECOME A DEPOSITORY FOR DOCUMENTS AND OBJECTS THAT RELATE TO THE ERIE RAILROAD AND SUFFERN'S RAIL HISTORY.

THE NEW YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD OPENED UP RURAL SUFFERN IN THE 1840'S. THE FIRST TRAIN THROUGH THE RAMAPO PASS AND THE COMMUNITY THAT JOHN SUFFERNHAD NAMED "NEW ANTRIM" WAS IN 1841. A SMALL STATION WAS BUILT AND THE RAILROAD REQUESTED THAT THE STATION BE CALLED "SUFFERN" IN APPRECIATION TO THE SUFFERN FAMILY FOR THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LAND DEAL FOR THE RAILS.

STEAM TRAINS AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE RAMAPO MOUNTAINS BECAME A FREQUENT SIGHT. INTO THE MID 20TH CENTURY, SUFFERN ENJOYED BEING A HUB OF MUCH RAIL TRAFFIC AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY. IN THE SPRING OF 1908 THE WELLS FARGO BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED TO MATCH THE ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS OF THE VICTORIAN STATION THAT ONCE STOOD IN WHAT IS NOW COMMUTER PARKING LOT A, AT THE BOTTOM OF LAFAYETTE AVENUE.

THE SUFFERN RAILROAD MUSEUM IS CURRENTLY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SUFFERN VILLAGE MUSEUM. ALL INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THE SUFFERN RAILROAD MUSEUM ARE INVITED TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE SUFFERN VILLAGE MUSEUM. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WE BUILD OUR MEMBERSHIP BASE IF WE ARE TO GROW AND CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR RESIDENTS. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE BY CLICKING ON THE DOWNLOADABLE FORM TAB.

THE MUSEUM IS LOCATED IN PARKING LOT A AT THE CORNER OF ORANGE AND WAYNE AVEUNE. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON SATURDAYS FROM 9 TO 1 PM, MAY – OCTOBER EXCEPT HOLIDAY WEEKENDS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE MUSEUM OR ABOUT SCHEDULING A SPECIAL TOUR, PLEASE CONTACT THE VILLAGE CLERKS OFFICE AT (845) 357-2600 OR SEND AN E-MAIL TO MUSEUM@SUFFERNVILLAGE.COM.