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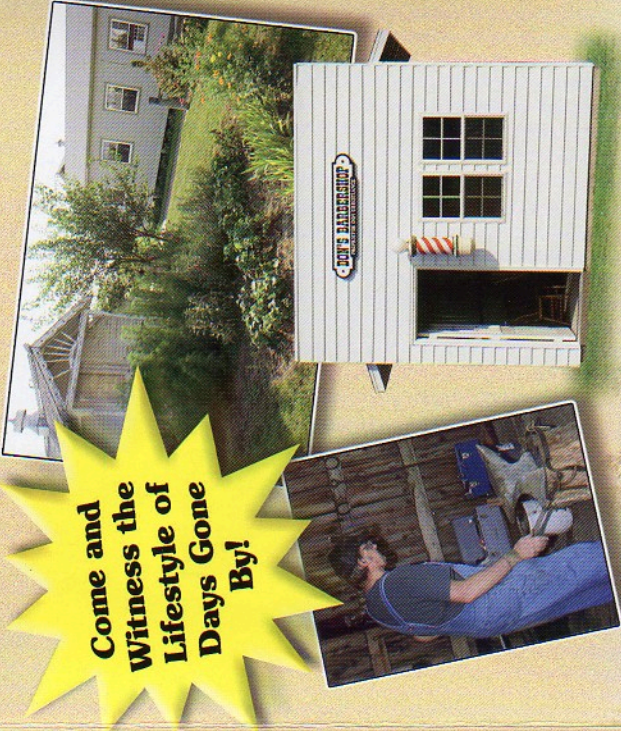
Heritage Park of North Iowa History

Heritage Park of North Iowa is a subdivision of the Winnebago Historical Society. The Winnebago Historical Society is a 501 (3) (C) organization. Heritage Park of North Iowa's mission is to preserve our local heritage so that future generations will better understand how our region evolved, to educate and to entertain, and to help our region through tourism. It combines preservation activities with living history and tourism in a way that will benefit our community.

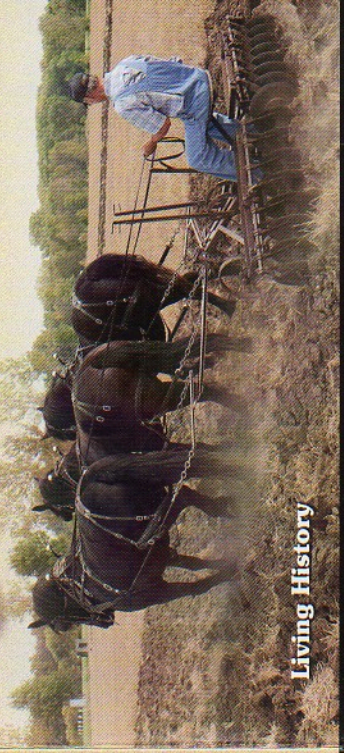
Heritage Park of North Iowa was being discussed in the summer of 1997. The goal was to create a regional park that would serve the North Central area of Iowa. It progressed through small group meetings to where a core group of individuals began to explore objectives, location, funding, and organization. In 1998 we had commitments from the Winnebago Historical Society, the Holtan Farm Museum in Winnebago county, the Timberland Museum in Hancock county, the Hanlontown Community Club which sponsored the annual Steam Threshing Days in Worth County, The Hill City Tractor Club in Hancock County, and the Tri-County Antique Power Club in Koskuth County. The commitments were that the Holtan Farm Museum and the Timberland Museum would move to the Heritage Park grounds. The Winnebago Historical Society would become the parent organization, and the three regional farm shows would join together at the Heritage Park grounds. We also began discussions with the Hanson Foundation concerning the financing of a farm owned by Winnebago Industries, Inc., which was located on the South edge of Forest City. In 1999, the Hanson Foundation agreed to lease the farm from Winnebago Industries, Inc. for three years for our use and if we met specified conditions, they would purchase the farm for Heritage Park of North Iowa. Heritage Park of North Iowa accomplished these goals and the 90.69-acre farm was paid for and decided to the park in the spring of 2001.

Heritage Park of North Iowa now has a 90.69-acre farm, which includes 23.5-acre show grounds, of which approximately 14 acres are fenced in. There are over 40 buildings set up, over 142,000 square feet under roof, which are for artifact display, demonstrations, or facility operation. These buildings include log houses, an 1890 church, school houses, houses, barns, fire station, jail, barber shop, gas station, to modern storage buildings all filled with interesting artifacts and machines.

There are artifacts at the park that show American Indian artifacts, fossils, minerals, farm implements and tools, household utensils, turn of the century furniture, looms, farm tractors, steam engines, chain saws, wood carvings (including a 600 foot wood chain), fire engines, antique vehicles, and much more. The demonstrations often include threshing, sawmill operation, shingle production, burr mills, corn shelling, plowing, corn shredding, sorghum processing, spinning wool, trolley rides, quilting, painting, and other miscellaneous crafts found on the farm.



Come and Witness the Lifestyle of Days Gone By!



Living History