

Development of the Vicksburg Historic Village

**From 1997 to 2020 Under the Auspices of the Vicksburg
Historical Society**

Planning for
the future of
the Vicksburg
Historical
Society. It's all
about our
young people.





Lots of older people have given their time and talent to the Historical Society.

From left: Barb Cousins, Maggie Snyder, Sue Moore, Kristina Powers Aubry and Bonnie Holmes.



The Thursday Guys gather for their coffee break and have given their talents for many years to help build and maintain the buildings on the grounds.



Volunteers help to spruce up the Depot Museum. They are the heart and soul of the Historical Society.



The sign makes the Historic Village easier to find for visitors.



Historical Society board members in 2008 when the first agreement was approved with the Village of Vicksburg for management of the Historic Village.

Kitch Rinehart
with guest speaker
Suzy Parron on
how to start a
Quilt Trail.
Underwritten by
the Vicksburg
Foundation and a
project of the
Historical Society.





Planning for the Harvest Festival, now in its 11th year, starts early in the summer to get ready for fall. It has been a good fundraiser since its inception.



Fundraisers



The Historical Society's biggest fundraiser of the year.



Kids paint pumpkins, adults make pies to be judged and adults follow the animal displays around the Historic Village.



The camel is a big hit each year at the Harvest Festival.



Wagon rides around Vicksburg for families show off the town to the thousands of families taking part in the Harvest Festival.



A portable sawmill is a big attraction at the Harvest Festival.





Garrard
Macleod
reads to
families in
the
Township
Hall during
the Harvest
Festival.



Nellie Avis
and Mary
Ann Kudary
have been
the chief
decorators in
the Depot
Museum.

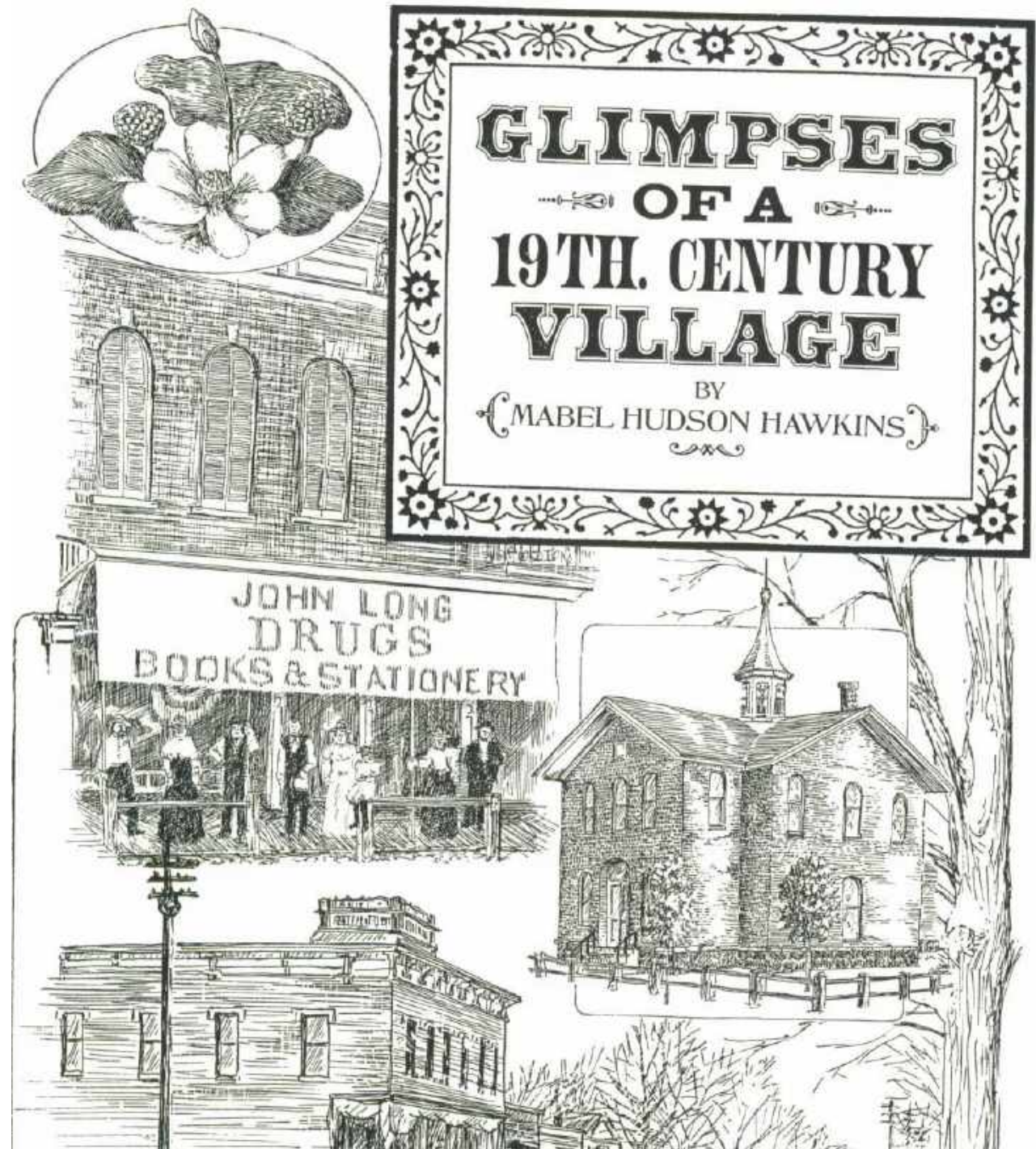


1968 marks the formation of the Vicksburg Historical Society. Two of these folks are still alive: Warren Lawrence on the right and the youngest guy in the picture, Henry Yapple.

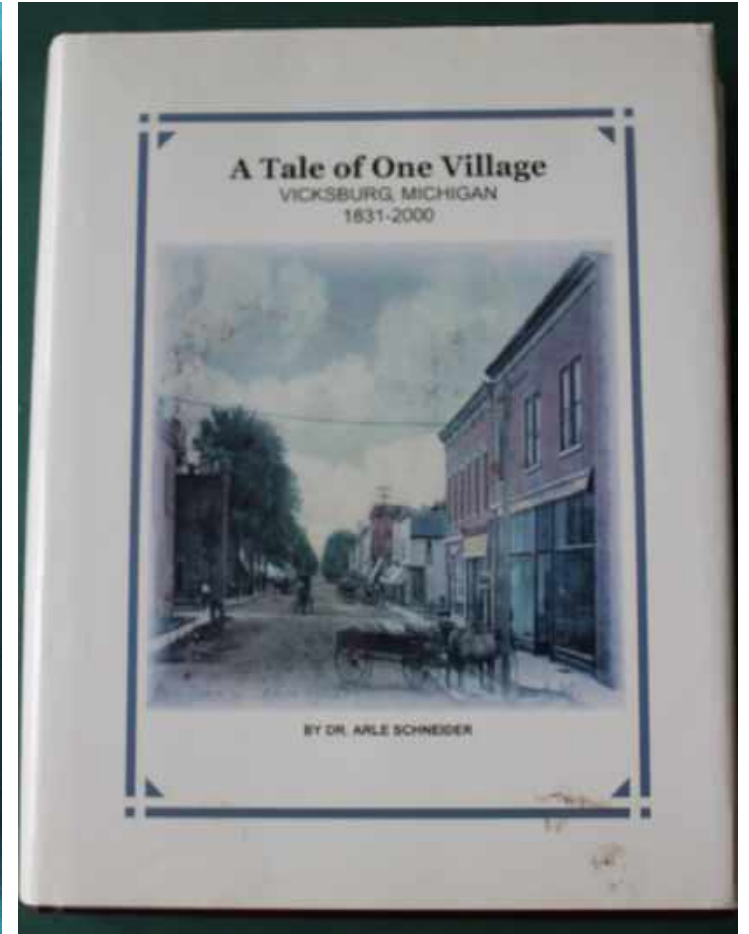
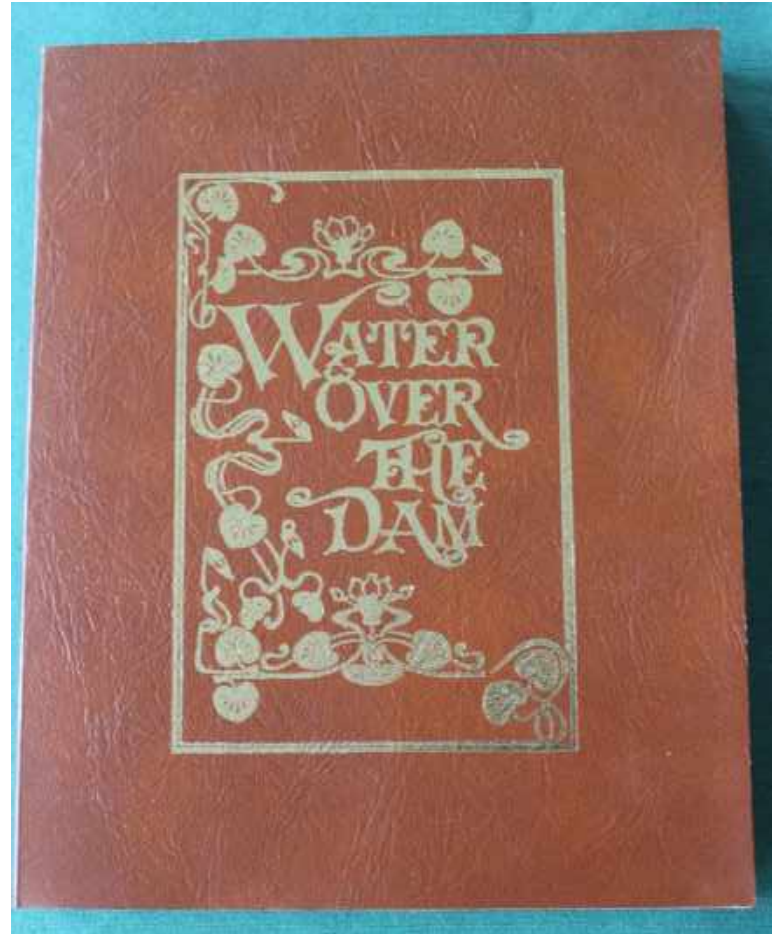
Two of the Founders, Mabel Hawkins and Ester Rasmussen



The Product –
Mabel Hawkins
first book.
Several others
have followed
including Water
Over the Dam
and Glimpses of
a Village.



These two books on the history of Vicksburg were a product of the Historical Society and funded by the Vicksburg Foundation.





The Dedication of the revamped Depot in the 1980s.



Two of the
Contributors,
Gordon and
Dorothy Daniels
when he was
Vicksburg Village
President.

The early
people who
helped with the
start-up: Bonnie
Holmes and
Maggie Snyder.





The Early Days
when exhibits
were just
amassed on the
floor of the
Depot.



The Depot Museum was renovated in the 1980s and houses Vicksburg memorabilia displays.

This 116 year old building was in great need of repair and finally got a new roof.





Every Depot had a storage facility to handle the carloads of materials that were unloaded each day.



The members of the Vicksburg Foundation. Their help was crucial in funding the early development of the Historic Village.



Today's Keepers of the Flame in|2020.



This dump was still active as the Brady Township Hall was built in the early 1960s and is now the home of the Historic Village.



The build out on the former dump just north of the Depot Museum.



The Strong one room schoolhouse
was moved to the Historic Village
from XY Ave., south of Vicksburg






Back to its original
setting.



June Kucks, a regular docent teaches 5th graders what it was like in the old days.



Kids learn how to rough it.

A small, white, single-story wooden building with a gabled roof. The front facade features two white doors, each with a small transom window above it, and a central arched window. A green light fixture hangs from the roofline above the central window. The building is surrounded by green grass and trees. A small white structure with a circular opening is visible on the right side of the image.

The two doors, one for boys and one for girls. Two out houses too.



A country cemetery was often located near a one room schoolhouse. Volunteers constructed the fencing and moved the head stones.



The
cemetery
head stones
were
donated by
Brady
Township to
be placed
next to the
Schoolhouse.

The image features a large, dark blue, irregular shape that resembles a watercolor splash or an ink blot. This shape is centered on a white background and has several smaller, lighter blue splatters and droplets scattered around its edges. The word "Farmhouse" is written in a white, sans-serif font, centered within the dark blue shape.

Farmhouse



The
Farmhouse
as it looked
when it was
moved to
the Historic
Village in
1999.




The Farmhouse from
the back side in 1999.




Quilt is handmade and
donated by the Lloyd
Appell family.



As the Farmhouse appears today.

A photograph of an elderly woman, Pat Oswalt, standing in front of a white kitchen cabinet. She is wearing a white crocheted shawl over a floral dress and is smiling. The cabinet has a central door with a gold-colored decorative panel and a small round clock. To the right, the cabinet door is open, revealing shelves with various items including a box of 'OUR OWN TEA', a jar of 'ALLSPICE', and other jars. The top of the cabinet is decorated with glass jars and red flowers.

Pat Oswalt displays the kitchen cabinet in the Farmhouse, she and her husband Bill, donated.



The Farmhouse contents
bring back memories for
people who tour the turn
of the 19th century
building.

This cozy dining room also served as a family gathering place.



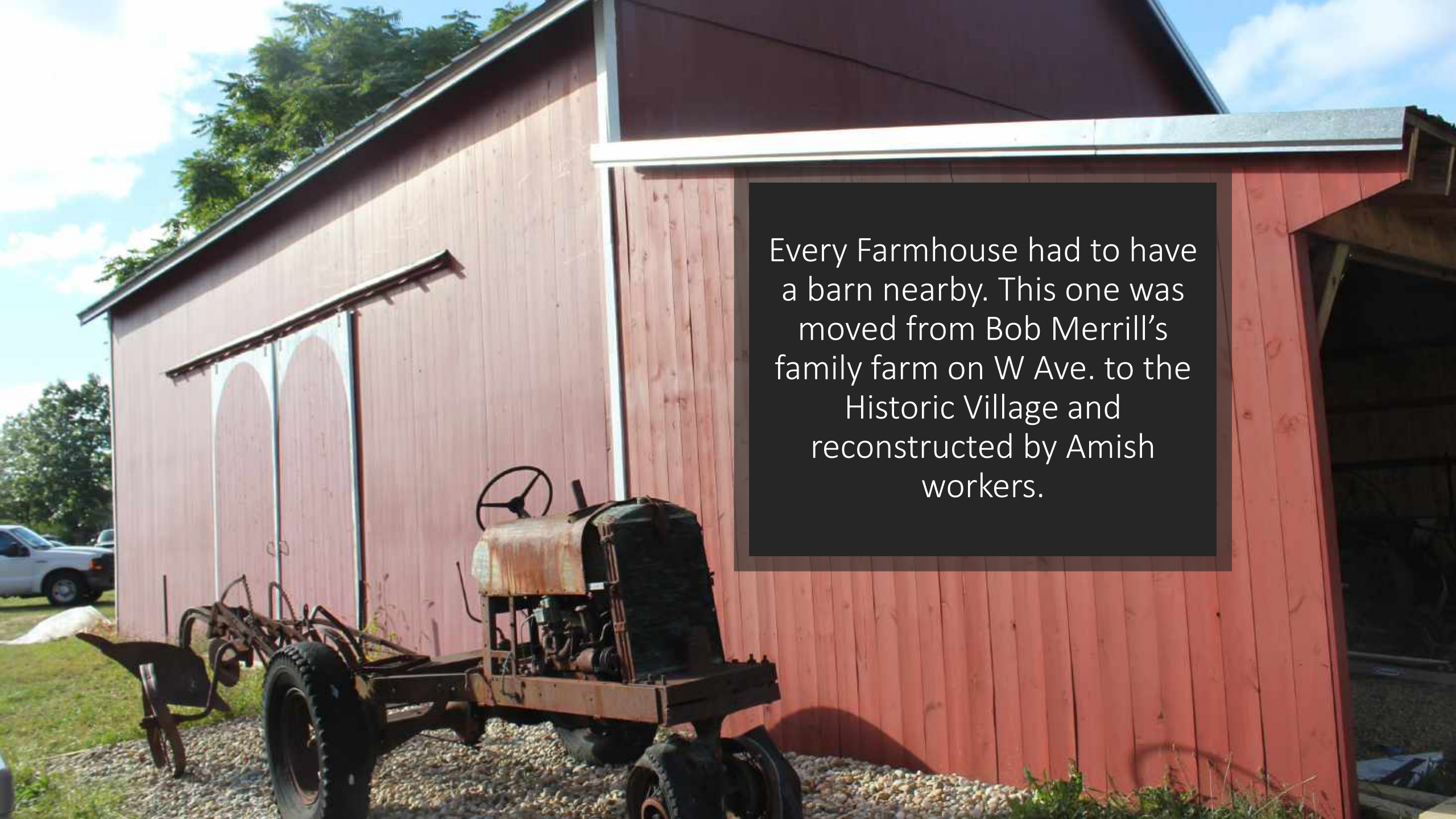


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This small parlor holds the family organ, portraits of local pioneers and this formal settee.

There are three
small bedrooms
upstairs, fully
furnished with
antiques that have
been donated.



A photograph of a large, red wooden barn with vertical siding. In the foreground, a vintage tractor with a rusty hood and a large steering wheel is parked on a gravel surface. To the left of the tractor, a large double door with arched windows is visible. The sky is blue with some clouds, and green trees are visible in the background. A white pickup truck is partially visible on the far left. A dark grey text box is overlaid on the right side of the barn.

Every Farmhouse had to have a barn nearby. This one was moved from Bob Merrill's family farm on W Ave. to the Historic Village and reconstructed by Amish workers.



Lots of old farm implements are on display inside the barn. Some were donated by the local Future Farmers of America.



Early dray carriages who moved goods from the railroad station to downtown Vicksburg.



The planning group for the new/old garage.



The village garage under construction in 2011.



\$35,000 was raised in donations to build the garage. The Fulton family donated their grandfather's mail delivery wagon that is housed inside the garage.



Dale Sult renovated this visible gas pump that was donated by the Warren Lawrence family. It sits in front of the village garage.



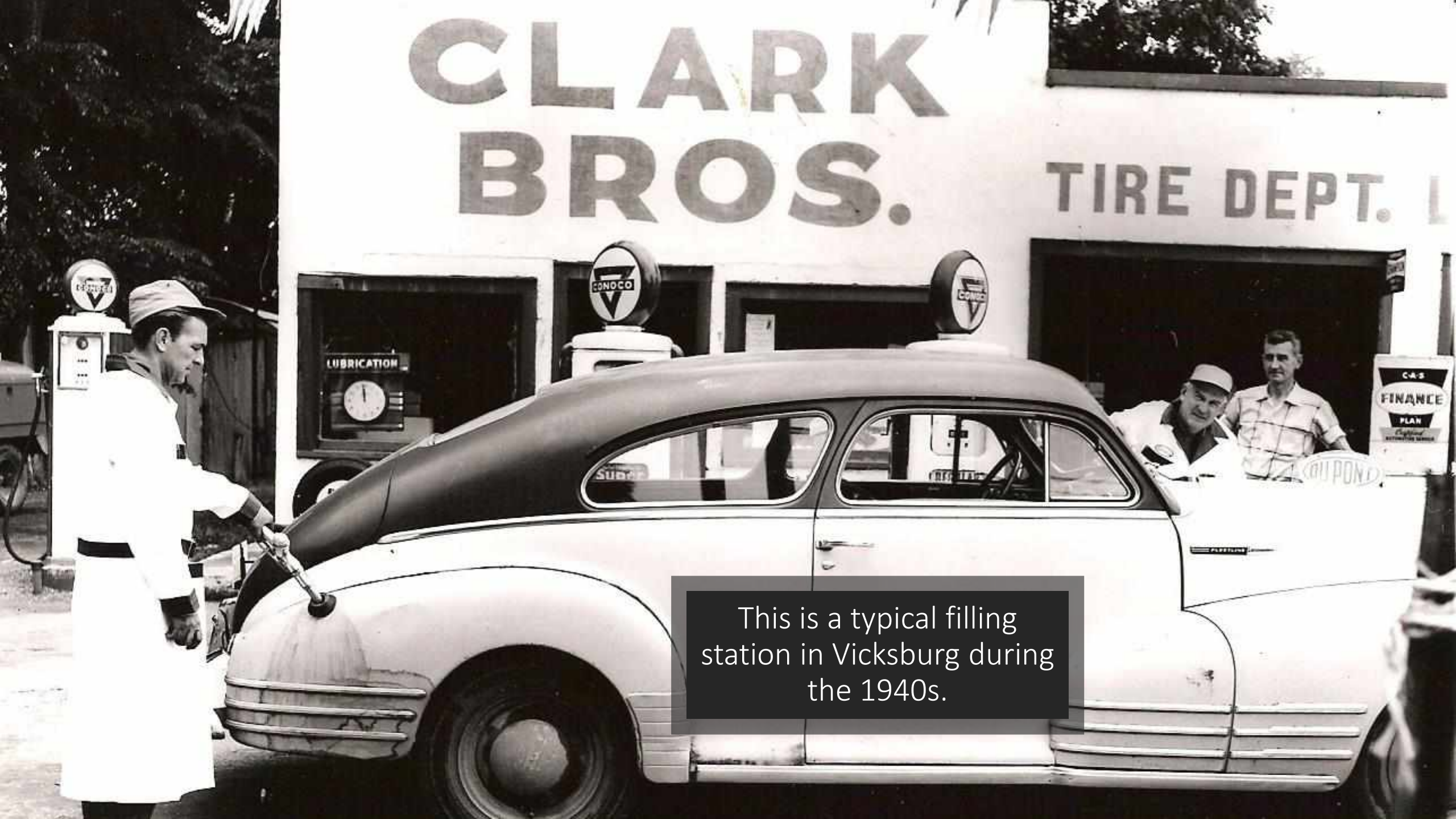
The transition from horse and buggy and a blacksmith shop to a gas station is part of the village garage.

The blacksmith shop attached to the garage. It demonstrates how to shoe horses before the horseless carriage came into being.



This 1931 Model A was
donated by the Art Everett
family and is housed inside the
garage.





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This is a typical filling
station in Vicksburg during
the 1940s.



Inside of the garage today
with docent Glenn Blinn.



The dedication ceremony for the Village Garage has a surprise visitor.

A dark blue, irregular ink blot or watercolor splash is centered on a white background. The blot has a textured, slightly grainy appearance with some lighter blue and white speckles around its edges. The text "Township Hall" is written in a clean, white, sans-serif font, centered within the dark blue area.

Township Hall

Local government was conducted in the Brady Township Hall in the village of Vicksburg for 75 years. Then it became a garage.






Brady Township officials in the 1950s in front of the Township Hall on N. Davis Street in Vicksburg.

This is what it looked like on the interior before renovation began.





It was moved a quarter of a mile
to the Historic Village in 2009.

A photograph taken from a white wooden gazebo, looking out onto a construction site in a grassy park area. In the center, a large white semi-trailer is being moved onto a newly poured concrete foundation. A red truck is positioned behind the trailer. To the left, a red pickup truck and a yellow skid steer loader are parked. Two workers in hard hats are standing near the foundation. The background features lush green trees and a clear sky. The entire scene is framed by the white wooden structure of the gazebo.

Placed upon its new
foundation.



Thursday Guys were the construction crew.

The Township Hall needed many coats of paint.

