

2009 MCB Project Summary Outline

Community/Neighborhood: Clarence

Name of Project: Historical Society Museum

Project Coordinator: Marge Williams

Type of Project: Long-term (1-5 years) Short-term (up to 12 months)

Time Frame: Date begun 1999 Date completed June 2009

Number of volunteers? 20 Age range of volunteers 35 - 85

Cost of project

Materials	Donated	\$ <u> </u>
	(Building) Purchased	\$ <u>25,000.00</u>
Labor	Volunteer	\$ <u>500.00</u>
	Paid	\$ <u> </u>
Total cost		\$ <u>25,500.00</u> -

Sources of funding	Grants <u> </u>	\$ <u> </u>
	Donations <u> </u>	\$ <u>2,500.00</u>
	Other (Sale of old building)	\$ <u>18,500.00</u>
	Loan	\$ <u>6,500.00</u>

Narrative summary of project:

The Clarence Historical Society was founded in 1999, though members have been collecting items for a museum for many years before that. The museum was one of the first goals set for the community.

The old telephone building had been donated to the Society to use as a museum. However, the building was not ADA compliant and the costs of renovations were prohibitive. The group sold the building to a couple from California who had an interest in old telephones. Proceeds from that sale, along with a small loan, were used to purchase a newer building that was ADA compliant. Bake sales and rummage sales are held each month to help pay the upkeep on the building and payment. Various businesses and citizens have unearthed their treasures and family heirlooms to be displayed in the museum.

Untold hours were spent going through the donated items and selecting which ones would be displayed. The Grand Opening of the museum was held during the annual Clarence Homecoming in June this year. Now after 152 years of existence, the City has its first museum. The grand opening was held during the annual Clarence Homecoming festival.