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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



Carriage House Report

As of the end of June, the building is complete except for the windows and front door. The 12-pane antique windows were restored during the winter and are ready to be inserted while the huge sliding doors are being fabricated and will soon be installed to make the building complete. We have received many enthusiastic comments on both the interior, with its soaring hammer beam trusses, and the exterior, which is finished in natural wood stain and fancy red, Gothic Revival, trim. The building itself is a showpiece of traditional, timber-frame craftsmanship and a great addition to the City of Union..

But there is a lot more to do. The site is being cleared of scrap lumber, etc. and the beams will be cleaned of mud before the floor can be sealed. The bricks have yet to be engraved and laid on the porch floor, and this and the landscaping process will take another couple of weeks. In the meantime, our eight vehicles, including the omnibus, two carriages, a buggy, two sleighs and two wagons are being restored and cleaned. Once the building is secure, we can start the process of moving the carriages in, although some still need a lot of work. We anticipate that the building will be formally opened sometime in August, but it can function as a museum during the late stages of the work.

This has been a huge endeavor and the Historical Society is indebted to all of you for your donations to the fund and your contributions of vehicles and other exhibit material. Also, the building process has been advanced by many volunteer laborers and we are grateful to them.