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Swancott Mills Presentation September 17 in West Leyden

The NYS Tug Hill Commission is hosting a historical presentation entitled "***A Century Gone By: Revisiting Swancott Mills***" on Saturday, September 17th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the West Leyden Elementary School, 1157 Fish Creek Road, West Leyden or remotely via Zoom. Registration is required for this free event, either at tinyurl.com/swancott or by calling the Tug Hill Commission office at (315) 785-2380.

Where the Swancott Mills State Forest now lies in the town of Lewis, Lewis County, was a significant mill-based community in the late 1800's and early 1900's. With emcee Robert Sauer and speakers James Burke and Leigh Portner, the history of Swancott Mills will be explored through old photographs, historical accounts, personal reminisces, mill artifacts, and songs that memorializes the experience at Swancott Mills.

James Burke, Author of "A Lifetime on the Hill," musician, and storyteller, Jim will sing and share stories from his family and life experience. Leigh Portner, logger, Linn tractor enthusiast and history lover, Leigh will bring artifacts from Swancott Mills and share his recollections. Robert Sauer, Tug Hill Sage, retired Harden forester, Northern Oneida County Council of Governments chairman and Camden local official, Bob will emcee the event.

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The New York State Tug Hill Commission is a non-regulatory state agency charged with helping local governments, organizations, and citizens shape the future of the region, especially its environment and economy. The commission uses a grassroots approach to build local capacity and provide technical assistance in land use planning, community development, and natural resource management.